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NEWS

in brief

Activists demonstrate for Lebanon pullout

More than 200 protesters demonstrated in the North yesterday, calling for the IDF to withdraw from Lebanon. The demonstration, which began at Rosh Hanikra and continued at Kibbutz Einon, was organized by the Four Mothers group. "For very questionable reasons, we are sending our soldiers to a war they cannot win," said 27-year-old demonstrator Arik Ben-Zvi, who served in Lebanon.

News agencies

Kiryat Shmona mayor quits

Kiryat Shmona Mayor Prosper Azran announced his resignation Friday night, saying he could not preside over the town's recovery program as planned by the Interior Ministry. Azran said he could not fire the municipal employees demanded by the ministry, "leaving them helpless in the face of a difficult security situation." About 60 percent of the town's budget is spent on municipal salaries, a fact which is said to stymie Kiryat Shmona's development. The town's deficit is said to be "scores of millions of shekels." The town council is to meet today to appoint a new mayor.

Itim

Korean deputy premier arrives today

South Korean Deputy Premier and National Unification Minister Kwon O-Kie arrives today. The Foreign Ministry said he will be the most senior Korean official to visit since the premier's visit for Yitzhak Rabin's funeral. He will meet with President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Foreign Minister David Levy, and other ministers and senior officials.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Man and woman run over by train

A man and woman, both in their forties and unidentified, were run over and killed by the Haifa-Tel Aviv passenger train near Kibbutz Hahotrim last night. Police are investigating.

Itim

Man, 74, suspected of murdering son-in-law

Michael Walgerstein, 74, of Ofakim, was arrested on suspicion he killed his son-in-law Victor Zachrov, with an ax on Friday night, claiming he wanted to protect himself, his daughter, and his grandchildren from ongoing violent abuse.

Walgerstein, who lived with the couple, attacked Zachrov after trying to force him out of the house, after Zachrov had beat his daughter, Tatiana, yet again, he said. Neighbors said Zachrov, who was unemployed, would often beat his wife. Tatiana said she never complained to police about the abuse because "he was the father of my children." Walgerstein was remanded last night for 10 days by the Beersheba Magistrate's Court.

Itim

'No EU letter blasting PM'

By JAY BUSINSKY

Foreign diplomatic sources have denied that French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine is bringing a letter to Jerusalem assailing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for torpedoing the Middle East peace process.

An official denial that French President Jacques Chirac, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, and British Prime Minister Tony Blair signed such a letter is being issued by the Quai d'Orsay, the sources said.

This contradicts a Channel 2 report that the three Western European leaders had issued a "very forceful demand" that Israel fulfill its commitment to carry out a second troop pullback in the West Bank this month.

However, other diplomatic quar-

ters say Vedrine will convey a verbal message from Blair, Chirac, and Kohl to the effect that they consider it Israel's responsibility that the peace process move forward and attribute the current stalemate to Netanyahu's policies.

These quarters said there is a consensus between Great Britain, France, and Germany on this issue and that Blair spelled it out to Netanyahu at their meeting November 13 in London.

A senior Israeli official said that if the Channel 2 story was untrue the implications would be "very serious." However, he withheld further comment until Vedrine's rendezvous with Netanyahu tomorrow.

The letter's text reportedly blames Israel for lack of progress in the talks with the Palestinian Authority.

Youth stabbed in Old City

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Less than 72 hours after yeshiva student Gabriel Hirschberg was shot dead in an alley in the Moslem Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City, Maimon Akiva, 20, was lightly injured when a Palestinian youth attacked him with a utility knife near Damascus Gate yesterday at noon.

This morning, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will visit the site where Wednesday's attack took place and will later address students at the Atarot Cohenim yeshiva.

Israel Television reported that the flag will be raised on the police station near the yeshiva this morning to stress the Jewish presence in the Old City.

Yesterday's attack was carried out despite a beefed-up security presence and the reopening of a police station in the Moslem Quarter following the attack that killed Hirschberg and seriously wounded Benjamin Dil, 18.

The Palestinian Authority has strongly protested the opening of the police station. Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo charged there would be severe repercussions. He charged the police station was the home of the Tarhi family.

Following yesterday's attack, reportedly the result of a scuffle between Arab and Israeli youths, Jerusalem Police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki called on both sides to maintain the calm.

According to Jerusalem Police spokeswoman Michal Tzimer, Akiva told police he had entered the Old City to pray at one of the yeshivot when an Arab approached him and kicked him. Akiva said he returned the kick and then the Arab pulled out a knife and attempted to stab him in the neck. The Arab fled, he said, and he ran to a Border Police patrol, which alerted the authorities. He was taken to Shaare Zedek Hospital.

Tzimer said several Arabs were detained for questioning but no arrests had been made.

Palestinian bombmaker blows himself up

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The Palestinian chemistry teacher who blew himself up in the West Bank village of Rafat on Friday evening was a member of Hamas, military sources said. Evidence found at the scene indicated he had been preparing a bomb.

Badran Abdo, 23, was killed outright in the explosion, which demolished a room in his parents' home. Relatives said they had been watching TV in another room when the explosion occurred. They rushed in to find

his mangled body. The IDF Spokesman said troops arrived about a quarter hour after the explosion. They found shrapnel, the chemical acetone, batteries, electric wires, and a device for measuring the flow of electricity - all items used for manufacturing bombs - in the demolished room.

Army Radio said Abdo had been suspected of involvement in previous bombings, but military sources could only confirm that he was a known Hamas activist.

Rafat is a Hamas stronghold and

hometown of the slain Yihye Ayash, the infamous "Engineer." Immediately after locating the site of the explosion, soldiers sealed off the village and rounded up residents for questioning, the army said. One man was taken in, military sources said. Villagers reportedly identified that man as Majid Ayash, a relative of Yihye Ayash.

Relatives said that Abdo's father, Awad, and brother, Bilal, are currently in Israeli prisons. Another brother, Talal, said the IDF took Abdo's body.

IRAQ
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"The hysterical propaganda by the United States that Iraq is carrying out prohibited activities is nothing but a cheap lie whose political aims are known, and they are the creation of excuses based on logic, to direct a military aggression on our country," INA said.

Meanwhile, US President Bill Clinton spoke with Russian President Boris Yeltsin yesterday about Iraq but both men remain at odds over steps to ease sanctions, senior US officials said.

Clinton spoke for some 40 minutes with Yeltsin, who argued for an incremental easing of the sanctions.

"There are areas of agreement and disagreement" between the two leaders, one high-ranking official said, saying the two countries do not see eye to eye on rewarding Iraqi compliance.

He said that Yeltsin "stated Russia's view that there ought to be sanctions relief on an accelerated process," adding that Yeltsin did not provide "a great deal of explanation, other than the Iraqi people are suffering."

Despite Russian efforts to get sanctions against Iraq lifted, a UN arms panel yesterday said far more work needs to be done before Baghdad can be declared free of weapons of mass destruction.

The report, submitted to the Security Council, recommended, however, broadening the "multi-national nature of inspection teams," which Iraq has complained include too many Americans.

But it did not refer to Baghdad's complaint and did not say how many additional inspectors should be recruited.

The panel also rejected a Russian proposal that UNSCOM appoint two more deputies to chairman Richard Butler of Australia. His current sole deputy is Charles Duvelier of the US.

The report was drafted at a day-long brainstorming session of the advisory board of UNSCOM comprising scientists, weapons experts, academics and government officials from five continents called to an emergency session because of the crisis between Iraq and the UN.

The report held out the hope of an early favorable finding on Iraq's nuclear program, about which little new has come to light in recent years.

But most of the report offered little comfort to Iraq that UNSCOM was near to closing its files on other categories of its weapons of mass destruction. This is the key condition for lifting sanctions imposed when Baghdad's troops invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

Several hundred Hamas members and supporters demonstrated yesterday in Nablus to mark the 10th anniversary of the intifada.

The date marked is the one chosen by Hamas as the day when Palestinians began their resistance to the Israeli presence in the territories. The PLO marks the date in December.

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Hamas demo in Nablus

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJAH

Bethlehem resident Jimmy Kanawati, 36, was shot dead by border policemen yesterday morning after the car he was driving ran their roadblock near the capital's southern Gilo neighborhood.

At 4:30 a.m. a police patrol driving along Derech Hebron signalled Kanawati to stop his car, according to Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby. Kanawati ignored their request and sped toward the roadblock, attempting to run down a policeman who asked him to stop.

As Kanawati's car broke through the roadblock going toward Bethlehem the border policemen fired at the back of the car, hitting him. A passenger, 36-year-old Jamil Juwani, was not injured.

Ben-Ruby said Kanawati, who held an El Salvador passport, and Juwani, the bearer of a Honduras passport, were both intoxicated. Police are investigating.

At Kanawati's home in Bethlehem people flocked to pay condolences to the well-known family.

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Hospitals on Shabbat schedule

By JUDY SIEGEL

Public hospitals around the country — general, geriatric and psychiatric — will run from 7 a.m. today until 7 a.m. tomorrow according to a reduced Shabbat schedule.

The continuing sanctions by members of the Israel Medical Association go into their 11th week today, with nearly 18,000 non-emergency operations and even more visits to outpatient clinics and diagnostic institutes postponed so far.

Only Netanya's Laniado Hospital, whose workers have a no-strike clause in their contracts, and the private hospitals will function normally.

IMA chairman Dr. Yoram

Blachar said he was shocked that the Treasury, which last March signed an agreement to finance 360 doctors' job slots in the public hospitals, continues to refuse to implement it.

The ministry, he said, "isn't trying to find a solution to hospital overcrowding and has ignored the IMA's proposal for a speeded-up mediation process to find ways to finance the costs of additional manpower," he said.

The Treasury wants the hospitals themselves to absorb the extra costs.

"It seems that the Health Ministry stands impotent in the face of Treasury heartlessness and violations of an agreement," said Blachar. "The Finance Ministry is, in effect, running the health system."

3 held for selling stolen medicines

By MARGOT DUDKOVITCH

Police have arrested three men on suspicion they stole medicines and planned to sell them to Palestinians in the territories.

An undercover policeman, posing as a Palestinian, met with brothers David Ariv and Yehuda Maor, both from Tel Aviv, seeking to purchase the medicine, according to Jedic and Samaria Police spokesman Ofer Sivan.

The two arranged to meet him on Thursday night, at a warehouse owned by Maor in the Ariel industrial zone, and to sell him the medicine for NIS 400,000. As they began their transaction, the brothers were arrested.

Police said the two had planned to sell the policeman 37 boxes of different kinds of medicines. Police believe the medication was stolen from a warehouse in Tel Aviv on October 17.

Sivan said a third man, Binyamin Ze'ev Gross of Yerushalayim, was held for storing the medicines.

AMMAN (AP) — King Hussein will attend next month's Islamic summit in Teheran, his first visit to the Islamic Republic since the 1979 revolution.

A palace official said Hussein will head a ministerial delegation to the December 9-11 summit of the Organization of Islamic Conference.

The official Iranian news agency said Friday that Jordan's ambassador to Teheran, Nouh Salman, informed Iranian officials of the king's planned participation.

Jordan and Iran restored diplomatic ties in 1990 which were broken after Amman backed Baghdad in the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war.

Relations remain lukewarm, however, because the king blames Iran for supporting Islamic militant groups in his country.

In September 1996, Iran's parliament suspended a bill that called for establishing trade ties with Jordan, citing the kingdom's growing ties with Israel following the 1994 peace treaty.



Mourning terror victim

Friends of Gavriel Hirschberg, who was killed in Wednesday night's terror shooting in Jerusalem's Old City, mourn at his grave after his funeral Friday. Hirschberg was eulogized by Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau, and Rabbi Shlomo Aviner, head of the Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva, where he was studying. The government was represented by Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, Binyamin Dil, who was seriously wounded in the shooting, had improved over the weekend and was listed in satisfactory condition. ... (Text: AP; Photo: Bnei Hender)

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

Another round

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's proposals that an investigative committee probe the affairs of the Likud convention and that a poll be conducted among Likud members in order to reconsider the abandonment of the primaries were skeptically received.

"The prime minister has drawn the Likud into a political whirlpool," writes *Ma'ariv*'s Shalom Yerushalmi, adding that the suggestions will only create more hostility among Likud central committee members and from his director-general, Avigdor Lieberman.

Ha'aretz's Yossi Verner questions the practicality of conducting a poll: "How will the poll be conducted? Does the Likud constitution allow it?... Netanyahu did not answer any of these questions." He adds that the crisis has gained Netanyahu time, but "if the pretty words are shown empty of meaning, or if another Bar-On affair emerges, [ambivalent MKs] will cross the red lines."

Yediot Aharonot's Boia Barzel believes that the announcement will not end the crisis, only postpone it. "According to the immediate responses, it seems that whoever distrusted him, continues to distrust; whoever scorned him, continues to do so."

"Whoever thinks that Bibi has survived, is wrong because it is just a matter of time until he falls," claims *Ha'aretz*'s Yoel Marcus, who adds that "there is no country that can be governed by a man whose only truth is a lie."

The successor

Following last week's intrigues after Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo's revelation of plans within the Likud to oust Netanyahu, the media pondered who his successor might be.

Yediot's Nahum Barnea asserts that this is the first time that a crisis is due to personal, not ideological conflicts. If the ministers find a way to oust Netanyahu, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is the convenient, natural choice, adding that "from all of the poisonous Israeli polarity, he is the least polar."

"The Likud was almost ready to wage a war this week," writes *Ma'ariv*'s Sima Kadmon, "the

Netanyahu goes to Hollywood

"Anyoe who did not see Netanyahu's joy in Hollywood has never seen joy in his life," writes Meir Shalev in *Yediot*, following Netanyahu's visit with Arnold Schwarzenegger. He adds that Netanyahu felt

good in his natural environment, with people just like him, of deception, which is their "actors, to whom pretense is a profession and the mask a tool of objective."

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NEWS in brief

School starts late for some

The Teachers Union has decided to strike third, ninth and 11th grades this morning to protest what it claims is the failure of the Education Ministry to make good on promises to return teachers and teaching hours to the system.

As a result, these grades will start classes at 9. Union head Avraham Ben-Shabtai said that the move was only the first step in protesting the failure to completely honor the agreement reached with the Education Ministry and the Finance Ministry, which allowed classes to open this school year.

Aryeh Dean Cohen

Ministry to fund development-town nurseries

The Education Ministry announced last night it will pay nursery school tuition for three- and four-year-olds in those development towns which have been cut off from such funding by a recent inter-ministerial committee decision. Minister Zevulun Hammer said in a statement the ministry will pay the tuition from its 1997 budget reserves, in order to keep the advancement of the country's outlying population as a top government priority. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Parents end hunger strike

The parents of pupils not allowed to enroll in the Mikve Yisrael Agricultural School ended their hunger strike, which started last Sunday, on Friday after reaching an agreement with Mayor Moti Sasson, brokered by Arye Shumer, director-general of the president's bureau.

Under the agreement, the pupils will be enrolled in homogeneous classes in two other schools in the city, rather than being scattered among seventh-grade classes in all the city's junior highs. They will study natural and environmental sciences at Mikve Yisrael for a day-and-a-half each week.

AP

Pesticide kills 15 birds, sickens 40

Fifteen birds of prey have died and 40 are sick from illegal spraying of pesticide in fields around Kibbutz Maoz Haim. According to the Nature Reserves Authority, the deaths and sickness were likely caused by the birds eating carcasses of small animals or insects killed by the pesticide. Among the victims were black kites, owls, a buzzard, and kestrels; their bodies were burned avoid further chain poisoning. The sick birds are being treated with atropine.

A police complaint has been filed against the farmer responsible under the Wildlife Protection Law and for improper use of pesticide. He is subject to a fine up to NIS 49,000 or three years in prison.

Lior Collins

US cautions travelers

The State Department on Thursday advised US citizens residing or traveling abroad to exercise "greater than usual caution," in light of events unfolding throughout the world. It cited the murders of four businessmen in Karachi, Pakistan, the Luxor massacre, and the "general situation" in the Middle East. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

World Bank: Make Gaza a free trade zone

The World Bank proposed on Thursday that the Gaza Strip become a free trade zone in order to improve economic conditions and attract foreign business. Israel Diwan, who heads the World Bank's Economic Development Institute, said at a conference on economic development at An-Najah University that such a move could quickly improve life in Gaza, where a recent World Bank study found more than a third of the residents live in poverty. Other World Bank proposals included new industrial zones in the West Bank and Gaza and increasing Palestinian firms' productivity.

Palestinian Authority Trade Minister Maher Masri said the proposals required more study but the free trade zone idea would be considered.

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Greek Jews finally get memorial

By PATRICK QUINN

SALONIKA (AP) — Once the thriving hub of a Jewish community dating back more than 2,000 years, Greece's few remaining Jews will once again gather in Salonika today to remember tens of thousands of relatives and neighbors who perished in Nazi concentration camps.

But behind the memorial, whose guest list includes Greece's president, the survivors ponder a potentially embarrassing subject for Greek officials: What took so long?

"This is a question that hurts as well," said Moses Constantini, general secretary of the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece.

After 52 years, Greece's government gave the go-ahead for a monument to the nearly 50,000 Jews of Salonika killed during the 1941-45 occupation.

More than 17,000 Jews from other parts of Greece also died in the camps and today there are fewer than 5,000 Jews among Greece's 10.2 million people. About 1,000 Jews remain in the Salonika.

"This monument has great importance for us and is very emotional... It represents the millions of victims and those in Salonika who paid a very high price," Constantini said.

Salonika's Holocaust monument, a three-meter high bronze menorah will be erected in a central square that served as the site where Jews were gathered before being sent to concentration camps.

Of the 2,000 or so that survived the camps, only 40 are still alive in Greece today.

"There were many attempts to erect a monument, but a decision was taken just one year ago," Constantini said.

There are few, if any, official explanations for the decades it took the Greek state to decide on a monument. But some of its causes may lie in the powerful influence of the Greek Orthodox Church, the officially recognized state religion, and the policies of successive governments toward Israel.

Greece, which for decades has had warm ties with Arab states, only recognized Israel in the early 1990s.

Today's unveiling will be carried out by President Costis Stephanopoulos, and attended by scores of Australian, American, European, and Israeli Jewish leaders and rabbis. Three members of the US Congress are also scheduled to attend.

Jewish communities in Greece date back as far as 513 BC. A huge wave arrived in Salonika from Spain during the 15th century. By the end of that century, Salonika had 29,000 residents, half of whom were Jews.

Salonika blossomed as a center for Balkan Jews at the start of the 20th century, when the community made up half the population of about 150,000. The decline began in 1922, when Greece lost a war with Turkey and the city was swamped with more than 100,000 Greek refugees from Asia Minor, forever altering the balance between Christians and Jews.

A series of anti-Jewish decrees led to the destruction of one of the city's Jewish quarters in 1931, leading to the first exodus of Jews. More than 10,000 fled to what was then Palestine.

By 1940, shortly before the Nazi invasion of Greece, there were just under 50,000 Jews in the city, about one-sixth of its population.



Hebron celebration

Worshippers gather outside the Machpela Cave in Hebron yesterday, the Shabbat on which the Torah portion mentioning Abraham's purchase of the cave is read. Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and his family were among hundreds of guests visiting the town.

(Reuters)

Germans to attend Nazi gold conference

BONN (AP) — The German Foreign Ministry is sending a delegation to attend a British-sponsored Nazi gold conference scheduled for December 2-4 in London, a ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The delegation will join some 40 nations invited to the conference to discuss questions on restitution for Holocaust victims or whether countries looted by the Nazis should be compensated, the spokesman said. He could not immediately say who would head the German delegation.

After the war, Britain, France and the United States set up a Tripartite Gold Commission to return gold grabbed by the Nazis from state treasuries when they plundered much of Europe.

Since then, the commission has returned more than 300 tons of gold to Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Austria, Albania, Yugoslavia, and Italy.

About 5 1/2 tons of gold worth some \$70 million that was to be distributed is still held by the Bank of

England and Federal Reserve Bank in New York. It was frozen after Jewish groups insisted that privately owned gold taken from victims of the Nazis should be returned to survivors or families.

Germany has thus far paid some \$58 billion in reparations to victims of the Nazis, mostly Jews. However, victims from eastern European countries that were behind the Iron Curtain were unable to apply for restitution. Among them are an estimated 30,000 survivors of Nazi-run forced labor camps, for which Jewish groups are seeking compensation.

Earlier this year, American and British reports targeted Switzerland as the largest dealer in Nazi gold, banding \$400 million of the precious metal.

Switzerland, which is also sending a delegation to the London conference, has started payouts to needy Holocaust survivors in Latvia from a \$200 million fund set up by its banks and industry. East European Jews have been given priority as they are deemed the most destitute.

IDF junior officers make goodwill visit to US

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES — It's a long way from an IDF infantry platoon to the upscale community of Newport Beach in southern California, but Inbal Adar and Tsahi Levi are trying to bridge the geographical and cultural gap.

Both Adar, 20, and Levi, 22, are infantry lieutenants who were selected from among 20 candidates of similar rank for a three-week speaking tour. They have been meeting with high school and college students in seven American cities (including San Francisco, Chicago, Boston, New York, Miami, and Atlanta) under a little-

known program called Achava.

Achava aims to create better understanding between young Americans and Israelis by bringing them face-to-face to explore their similarities and differences. The program is sponsored by the American Friends of the IDF and the academic affairs offices of the Israeli consulates in the US.

First stop for the pair, on their first trip to the States, was Los Angeles and a morning visit to Newport Harbor High School, where they met with two 10th grade classes enrolled in a special international relations course.

Levi saw "certain gaps in their

knowledge about Israel," he

politedly put it, among the 16-year-old public school students; but also keen interest in Israeli issues of human rights, equality between the genders, terrorism, and whether only Jews live in the country.

At the same time, the teenagers were naturally curious about the lifestyles of young Israelis, from clothing, cars, and dating to surfing, drug use, and musical tastes, noted Adar.

The basic difference between American and Israeli youngsters is that "every child in our country knows from day of birth that he or she will go into the army, and their parents live with the same knowl-

edge," Levi observed.

Classroom teacher Michaela Burns was enthusiastic about the visit of the officers, who appeared in uniform. Their presentation helped prepare her students for an upcoming Model United Nations meeting, where they will represent the State of Israel, Burns said.

"Our students were really impressed, you could see it in their faces," she observed. "I think they realized how much more serious life is in Israel and how lucky they are. Our individualistic kids were impressed by the willingness of young Israeli to go into the military," said Burns.

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N.Korea agrees to 4-nation talks

NEW YORK (AP) — New hope for peace in the troubled Korean peninsula came Friday with a major breakthrough in preliminary talks aimed at reducing tension in the world's last Cold War flash point.

North Korea, the communist half of a divided country that remains technically at war after 44 years, has agreed to attend a four-nation peace conference starting December 9 in Geneva.

Representatives of the United States, China, North Korea, and South Korea made the announcement Friday, at the third round of

preliminary negotiations held at Columbia University in New York.

The December meeting in Geneva will probably be brief, the first of many, a US official said, and the peace negotiations are expected to go on for at least a few years. The ultimate goal is to reunify the two Koreas.

A stumbling block in previous negotiations, held in August and September, had been North Korea's insistence that the agenda address the removal of 37,000 US troops in South Korea. US officials indicated that the North

Koreans agreed to drop their demand in return for assurances they would be able to raise the issue in Geneva.

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"The language of the agenda is simple enough to assure that all parties are free to raise any issue," one US official said. "That has been the US position all along."

The joint statement said the Geneva conference would address the "establishment of a peace regime on the Korean peninsula and issues concerning tension reduction there." The peace conference is to replace the 1953 armistice that ended fighting in the Korean War. Although the armistice was a temporary measure, no peace treaty was ever signed.

In Washington, US President Bill Clinton praised the agreement.

"There is a lot of hard work ahead," Clinton said. "But this is an important first step and the

United States is prepared to be a full partner in helping the Korean people build a future of peace."

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, in Vancouver for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, announced Friday she would direct the US side of the negotiations, and meet with foreign ministers from the other three countries.

"This is the beginning of a long road," Albright said. "However, success is in the interest of all parties, as it is in the interest of the region and the world as a whole."

NEWS in brief

Terrorists kill 13 civilians in Algeria

PARIS (Reuters) — Attackers using guns, knives, and a bomb killed 13 civilians, including an eight-month-old baby, in separate attacks, Algerian newspapers said yesterday. Gunmen stormed Oued Zitoun hamlet in Medea province, 70 km south of Algiers, and cut the throats of eight villagers Thursday night, said *Liberte* newspaper. Among the dead were four children aged between eight months and 10 years, it said. In Algiers, terrorists cut the throats of two girls and shot dead a woman in the Casbah on Thursday, said *Al Khabar* newspaper. Terrorists bombed a house in central Algiers on Friday, killing a couple and wounding two others, both papers said. No one claimed responsibility for the killings.

Russian PM signals end of cabinet shake-up

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin yesterday signalled the end of a Russian cabinet shake-up, saying four deputy prime ministers who simultaneously hold ministerial posts would keep both jobs. Deputy premiers also heading ministries are Labor Minister Oleg Sysuyev, Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov, Agriculture Minister Viktor Khlystun, and Economy Minister Yakov Uritson.

On Thursday President Boris Yeltsin sacked two reformist first deputy prime ministers, Anatoly Chubais and Boris Nemtsov, as finance and energy ministers respectively, following uproar over an advance payment Chubais took for writing a book.

Foreign workers kidnapped in Somaliland

HARGEISA, Somalia (Reuters) — Unidentified gunmen have kidnapped five foreign aid workers in the self-declared republic of Somaliland, an official said on yesterday.

Mohammed Farah Mohammed, Somaliland's "interior minister," told Reuters that five foreigners — four United Nations officials and a European Union representative — were snatched by gunmen on Friday afternoon in Elayo, northern Somaliland.

He said the kidnappers were probably after \$70,000 that the delegation was rumored to be carrying to fund an environmental project in the area. Somaliland, with a population of around one million, declared itself independent in 1991.

Tornadoes rip through Louisiana

COVINGTON, La. (Reuters) — A tornado ripped through a downtown area on Friday afternoon, injuring dozens of people as it overturned trucks, shattered shop windows, and destroyed a small apartment complex, police said. Tornadoes also touched down in the St. Tammany Parish towns of Tchulahoma and Beddoe, where no injuries were initially reported, and in Lafeyette, where one person was injured in a trailer park, authorities said.

But the greatest damage occurred in Covington, a bedroom community 80 km. north of New Orleans, where a twister rampaged through the city's downtown area, smashing windows and destroying a small apartment complex in its path. St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office spokesman James Hartman said there were 30 confirmed injuries from the twister and one fatality and a number of other injuries from weather-related auto accidents.

Strike cripples Canada Post

OTTAWA (AP) — A top Canadian official held out the possibility of government intervention to end a strike by the nation's postal workers. "As a government we have a responsibility," Public Works Minister Alfonso Gagliano said Friday outside the Commons in Ottawa.

"I don't exclude anything." He said the government would reassess its position tomorrow. The strike by 45,000 postal workers began Wednesday after dozens of wildcat walkouts had already crippled Canada Post, the federal mail service.

Vestine, guitarist of Canned Heat, dead at 52

PARIS (AP) — Guitarist Henry Vestine of the rock band Canned Heat, best known for its 1969 hit "Going Up the Country" and a performance that year at Woodstock, died on Thursday. He was 52. Vestine died of heart and respiratory failure in a hotel outside the French capital, just after the band completed a tour of France, said Beth Comstock of Tapestry Artists in Encino, California, which represents Canned Heat.

When other members of the band went to Vestine's hotel room to pick him up for the flight home, they found him dead, she said.

INXS star Michael Hutchence found dead

By PHILIPPE NAUGHTON

SYDNEY (Reuters) — Australia's most successful rock singer, Michael Hutchence, was found dead in luxury Sydney hotel on yesterday.

Local media said the 37-year-old lead singer of INXS had hanged himself with his belt.

The death of Hutchence, who combined hard-driving rock with a hard-living rock star lifestyle, sent shock waves through the music industry. His lover, British television presenter Paula Yates, the mother of his young daughter, was said to be devastated after hearing the news at the couple's London home.

"What can I say? I've lost my loving son," Kel Hutchence, the singer's father, told the *Sun-Herald* newspaper.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard added: "He was, from the Australian and world rock scene, one of our most talented performers. It really is a most tragic event."

Police would not confirm Hutchence's death, except to say that the body of a 37-year-old Australian man who had lived in England "for some time" had been found in a fifth-floor room at the exclusive Ritz Carlton hotel in the suburb of Double Bay.

Police also said a leather belt had been taken away for examination, but there were no suspicious circumstances.

They said a post-mortem would be held tomorrow, and it would be up to the coroner to disclose the dead man's identity.

The singer's apparent suicide took friends and acquaintances by surprise. With 15-month-old daughter Heavenly Hiraani Tiger Lily and Yates, a woman he called his "soul mate," Hutchence had seemed to be enjoying life as never before.

Australian television showed footage of Hutchence rehearsing with his band on Friday. A Ritz Carlton employee interviewed on television said Hutchence had appeared in good spirits on the night before his death as he dined



Michael Hutchence apparently hanged himself with his belt in a Sydney hotel, yesterday. (AP)

with his parents at the hotel restaurant.

"It really has shocked everyone," said Moily Meldrum, Australia's foremost music pundit and a friend of Hutchence.

Meldrum said he had seen the singer a few weeks ago and mentioned to him that he had never seen him so happy or relaxed.

"He said to me, 'I've never been more relaxed or happier any time

in my life,'" Meldrum said.

"I can't believe it," said singer Kylie Minogue, one of Hutchence's former girlfriends.

Police Insp. Christopher Hogg told reporters that police were called to the hotel at 12:30 p.m., half an hour after a man's body had been found by a hotel employee.

"Detectives have taken into possession a leather belt for scientific examination. It would appear

there are no suspicious circumstances," he said.

Initial media reports on Saturday suggested that Hutchence could have been the victim of a drug overdose, but police said only prescription medications had been found in his hotel room.

Hutchence's dark good looks and powerful stage presence — he had the exuberance of Mick Jagger combined with the brooding quali-

ty of The Doors' Jim Morrison — had made him one of the world's most enduring pop stars.

After helping to create the modern rock sound with hits such as "Suicide Bleeding" and "New Sensation," Hutchence and INXS (pronounced *In Excess*) found themselves sidelined in recent years while younger bands seized the initiative. But the band had nevertheless sold around 20 million albums.

Hard-liners face test in Bosnia Serb election

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia (Reuters) — Bosnian Serbs voted yesterday in parliamentary elections which Western governments hoped would break the dominance of hard-line nationalists loyal to indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) mission, which is supervising the two-day elections, said voting began as scheduled in the country's Serb entity at some 1,500 polling stations.

OSCE spokesman Luke Zahner said initial reports indicated a solid voter turnout in Serb territory, but no figures were available.

Turnout among Bosniacs in the Moslem-Croat Federation, who were voting by absentee ballot or at special polling stations in the Serb entity, appeared to be lower than in municipal elections held two months ago.

"It's a little slow on the federation side," Zahner told Reuters.

Moslem and Croat nationalist parties were expected to obtain a portion of seats in the parliament but a low turnout in the federation could hand more seats to Serb hard-liners.

The elections went ahead without violence except for a minor explosion overnight at a polling center in Kopaci, outside Gorazde, in eastern Bosnia. The explosion caused no major damage to the polling center, which was set up for voters from the federation, Zahner said.

The NATO-led peacekeeping force, reinforced with an additional 1,000 troops, patrolled the region to ensure no serious violence erupted between supporters of Western-backed Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic and her hard-line opponents.

"I expect our people to this time to vote for those who are able to provide them with a better stan-

Astronauts lose solar observatory

By MARCIA DUNN

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — Space shuttle Columbia's astronauts struggled in vain to capture a sun-watching satellite after the craft malfunctioned moments of its release. NASA quickly lost any chance

of conducting solar observations with the satellite, now lost in the mission. The space agency still wanted the satellite back, however, for the trip home.

Mission Control told the astronauts Friday that they might have to perform a space walk tonight to grab the 1,350 kg. satellite with

their gloved hands.

The cause of the malfunction was not immediately known.

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South Korea seeks \$20b. IMF bailout

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's president apologized to the nation yesterday for taking a course of action once deemed unthinkable — asking the International Monetary Fund for a \$20 billion bailout of its ailing economy.

Headlines in morning newspapers trumpeted a "National Bankruptcy" and a "Humiliating International Trusteeship" and the South Korean stock market's key index plunged 20.64 points, as investors worried that the IMF loan would be coupled with strict controls that could bring more hard times.

The market closed its half day of trading with the Korean Stock Price Index below the psychologically important 500 level at 485.43, having shed about 20 percent of its value.

In a nationally televised speech, President Kim Young-sam spoke of hardships to come, apologized for the financial mess he will soon leave to a new administration and urged his people to tighten their belts and work to restore South Korea's economic health.

"I expect stern admonitions regarding what became of our economy that the world once envied," Kim said. "As the president, I feel deep regrets."

"It is time to tighten our belt again. The coming economic restructuring will involve bone-craving pain," Kim added. "But we must show the world our determination that we can overcome this crisis."

'Kennedy papers' are forgeries — CBS

NEW YORK (Reuters) — The entire collection of papers allegedly linking President John Kennedy to everything from the Mafia to hush money paid to Marilyn Monroe is fake, according to an expert hired by CBS News's 60 Minutes.

The papers, which Lex Cusack said he discovered among the files of his late father, lawyer Lawrence Cusack, include more than 300 documents allegedly revealing among other things that Kennedy had an affair with Monroe and planned to buy the movie star's silence for \$600,000, and that his family had an illicit relationship with Mafia boss Sam Giancana.

Cusack sold the papers for some \$6 million, CBS reports in tonight's edition *60 Minutes*. ABC, which had been preparing a two-hour documentary based on the collection, hired forensic experts to validate seven typewritten documents and was told they were forged. It canceled the show.

Similarly, Seymour Hersh had devoted a chapter in his just-published book *The Dark Side of Camelot* to the papers, but removed it amid a barrage of media reports branding the collection a fake.

Cusack then offered CBS access



John F. Kennedy

Yamaichi mulls shutdown

TOKYO (Reuters) — Yamaichi Securities Co Ltd, one of Japan's top brokerages, said yesterday it may shut its doors after 100 years in business, as it faces a short-term credit crunch, shrinking business, and high-profile scandals.

Options for the beleaguered Yamaichi narrowed considerably after main creditor Fuji Bank Ltd said it was not in a position to take responsibility for rescuing the "Big Four" brokerage.

Yamaichi said in a statement that it would make its final decision public tomorrow, a national holiday in Japan.

Should Yamaichi go under, it would be Japan's biggest business failure in the post-war era and its third major financial-sector failure this month, joining second-tier brokerage Sanyo Securities Co Ltd Ltd and 10th-ranking commercial bank Hokkaido Takushoku Bank Ltd.

In emergency news conferences yesterday morning, Japanese monetary authorities made assurances that the assets of Yamaichi's customers would be protected and that the brokers' woes would not be allowed to disrupt the financial system.

Dillon concluded that the handwriting in the papers "is not the writing of President Kennedy," and said all the documents were forgeries.

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Bobbi McCaughey, the septuplets' mother, composes herself at a hospital news conference yesterday.

Septuplet taken off respirator

News agencies

DES MOINES — A weary Bobbi McCaughey cradled one of her septuplets for the first time and told the world she pressed on with her risky pregnancy because "they were my children and I wanted them."

"I know that it's extraordinary ... to have this many babies and go this far, but it's something I just did," she told KCCI-TV on Friday.

The couple's fertility doctor had given the McCaugheys the option of aborting some of the fetuses to give the others a better chance at survival. But "we just told her right from the beginning it's not an option for us," McCaughey said.

Later, at a packed hospital news conference, the mother of the only living septuplets in the world was overcome by emotion when she spoke of holding one of her newborns for the first time.

Kenneth Robert — nicknamed "Hercules" by doctors because he was lowest in the womb and held the six others up — was the strongest of the brood and the biggest at 4.6 kilograms. He was upgraded from serious to fair condition and removed from a ventilator after he began breathing on his own.

"I never thought they would

come off the ventilators so soon," she said as her husband, Kenny, held her hand. "It was just incredible. I can't wait until I can hold all of them."

"If we have the arms," her husband added with a wide grin.

The three other boys and three girls remained in serious condition Friday and were all on ventilators, two days after they were delivered by Caesarean section. Doctors expect them all to be breathing on their own within three days.

The 29-year-old mother was also weary from the ordeal. After 21 weeks of bed rest and more than a month in the hospital, she appeared in public for the first time, walking gingerly across the stage of the hospital auditorium in a blue quilted robe, with her husband holding her hand and a nurse carrying her IV bag.

McCaughay paused as photographers took pictures, smiling briefly before becoming choked with emotion, dabbing her eyes with a tissue.

As they sat and she began to make a statement, she said softly to her husband, "I can't." She answered only a few questions before walking off stage.

"She does appreciate the love and the care and concern and the fact that we want to tell the

world what has happened here in this little old Iowa where the tall corn grows, you know, and the babies do, too," said Kenny McCaughey. "It's all a blessing from God."

The couple faces an enormous financial burden, but it may be eased considerably by the generosity of strangers and the potential profits from selling their amazing story.

After insisting earlier this week that he had no intention of selling interviews or pictures to tabloid newspapers or television shows, Kenny said on Friday he and his advisers were looking over such offers.

"There's been a lot of offers," he said. "Any money from things like that would go to all my kids, not necessarily us."

The Des Moines Register newspaper reported that offers to the McCaugheys have ranged from \$20,000 to "whatever it takes to buy the story."

Kenny McCaughey is a billing clerk at a local car dealership. Bobbi has worked as a seamstress.

"My past experiences, whether they be at work or at school ... have taught me to be more efficient in everything I do, and to get a lot of work done in the least amount of time I can," Kenny said.

"Both Bobbi and I have been

real students of efficiency and trying to do a lot of things in a very small amount of time. Along with that too, is pinching pennies."

For now, some of the financial strain has been lifted since the septuplets were born by a cascade of gifts and promises:

• Several Iowa firms have pledged to build a large house for free for the McCaugheys in their hometown of Carlisle to replace their present small home. Carlisle's mayor is working on getting land donated for the house.

• Kenny's employer gave him a new 15-passenger Chevrolet van.

• Companies have promised the McCaugheys free diapers, apple sauce, cable television and a TV and VCR; family photo album; heat-and-hot water; major appliances; nursery furniture and \$100 worth of groceries each week for a year.

• St. Ambrose University, a Roman Catholic college in Davenport, Iowa, is offering the devoutly Baptist McCaugheys free college for the septuplets, in recognition of their choice not to selectively abort any of the babies.

• Two accounts have been set up at separate banks in Carlisle to accept cash donations to the family.

Woman tells of affair with J.D. Salinger

By CHARLES LAURENCE

NEW YORK — The wall of privacy surrounding the American novelist J.D. Salinger, author of *The Catcher in the Rye*, is to be breached with the publication of a memoir by a writer who lived with him and loved him for nine months 25 years ago.

Joyce Maynard, a novelist and journalist, was 18 when she went

to visit the already celebrated Salinger at his mountain-top retreat in Cornish, New Hampshire, in the summer of 1972. He was then 53. She stayed until the following spring.

"He was the first man I ever loved. I viewed him as my mentor and teacher and the person I trusted most in the world," Maynard told the *New York Times*.

Her decision to write a memoir, due to be published by Picador

USA in the autumn of 1999, is considered certain to stir a new privacy row in literary circles, and possibly in the courts.

Maynard, 44, a divorced mother of three living near San Francisco, confirmed that she had kept about 30 letters from Salinger.

Their relationship began with a letter from him which she said was "deeply thoughtful, very moving." It had arrived after the publication in the *New Yorker* magazine of

"An 18-year-old Looks Back on Life," the first of a series of personal stories for which she has become known.

The use of letters without permission led to a literary cause célèbre in the 1980s and early '90s when Salinger sued his biographer, Ian Hamilton, in a case that went all the way to the Supreme Court. The judges ruled in favor of Salinger's privacy.

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Wei: I'll push for Chinese democracy

NEW YORK (The Washington Post) — China's most prominent dissident, Wei Jingsheng, Friday embarked on his new role as China's most prominent exile by embracing his freedom after 18 years in prison and promising to press the cause of democracy for 1.2 billion Chinese.

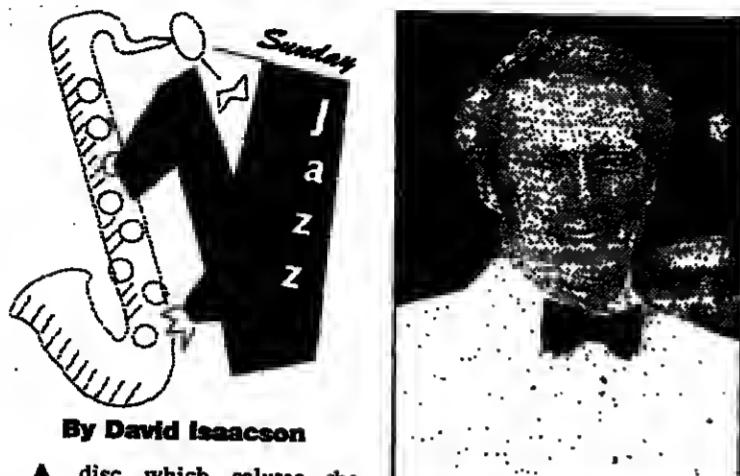
"I have waited decades for this chance to exercise my right to free speech, but the Chinese people have been waiting for centuries," he said, reading a statement in Chinese to 200 reporters and supporters at the New York Public Library. "Right now there are several thousand political prisoners still suffering in Chinese Communist Party jails for exercising their freedom of speech. Our conscience as human beings will not allow us to forget them, not even for a single moment."

In the same library six months ago, hundreds gathered to hear prominent figures from playwright Arthur Miller to New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani honor Wei by reading from recently published letters he wrote his family and Chinese leaders during his first jail term from 1979 to 1993.

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A black tribute
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A black-tie tribute to 'The Man with No Name'



By David Isaacson

A disc which salutes the music of Clint Eastwood movies should be applauded, if not in the politely enthusiastic way of wealthy patrons at gala evenings such as this all-star Carnegie Hall tribute.

Despite his popular image as the anonymous hero of Sergio Leone's spaghetti Westerns and as the no-nonsense cop Dirty Harry, Eastwood's is a rich, diverse oeuvre which includes a number of

EASTWOOD AFTER HOURS
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Courtney Pine
(Helicon)

films featuring music as a central player. The first film he directed, *Play Misty For Me* (1971), about a violently psychotic woman's obsession, gave him the opportunity to portray a DJ spinning records by the likes of Cannonball Adderley, Johnny Otis and Erroll Garner.

The two versions on *Eastwood After Hours* of Etroli Gancar's ballad, "Misty," are the opening piano duet and then a fine, wild orchestral jam as part of the Carnegie Hall Jazz Band's "Eastwood: After Hours (Suite)."

In 1981, Eastwood cast himself as a consummate country singer in the underated *Honkytonk Man*. But on this disc, the version of that film's "San Antonio Rose" sounds as incongruous as the medley of "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" and "Rawhide." These tracks might have been fun at the gig, or concert rather, but you wouldn't want to hear them again and again.

The Bridges of Madison County – again directed by and starring Eastwood, in 1995 – has one of the classiest sound tracks of recent years, but this rendition of "I See Your Face Before Me" hardly does justice to that romantic, melancholy scene when our man slow-dances around the kitchen with Meryl Streep.

The best moments of this double disc are the covers from *Bird* (1988), Eastwood's evocative, loving biopic of the great Charlie Parker. Tenor saxophonist James Carter leads a sumptuous orchestral "Laura" with strings arranged by Lennie Niehaus. Alto saxophonist James Moody shows how Charlie Parker should be played on "Parker's Mood," and Joshua

Redman, on "These Foolish Things," demonstrates why he is regarded as one of the leading saxophonists today.

Eastwood also executive-produced a documentary on Thelonious Monk Jr., the fast-rising Monk Jr. plays drums on a couple of tracks on this disc – but these cuts of "Straight No Chaser" and "Round Midnight" are somewhat spoiled by the second piano, and Gary LeMel's strained vocal on the latter takes us into Tony Bennett territory.

The number of British jazz virtuosos remains – guitarist John McLaughlin notwithstanding – disappointing. (It's not as if the UK hasn't contributed to the worlds of pop, rock and, to a lesser extent, movies.)

An exception is saxophonist Courtney Pine. In the past 10 years, he has been one of the most interesting and exciting voices on the scene.

The billing "experimental," whether applied to literature, movies or music, might be taken as a warning sign: "Chaos ahead!" And one might fear the worst when the experiment involves the use of computer loops, DJ turntables and other streetwise electronic parapheonia, to play against rap, hip-hop, dance, trance and techno beats. But Pine isn't just breaking new ground; he's building beautiful structures on it.

The opening track, a short cut-and-splice collage of the rest of the disc, is undeniably weird but, for the most part, this daring, cutting-edge disc is not and powerful. The "straightest" track is a cover of Aretha Franklin's 1960s passive protest anthem, "Tryin' Times." The lyrics are quite irrelevant today – despite Pine's assertion to the contrary on the liner notes – but soul singer Jhelisa's treatment is sublime.

Pine plays a range of instruments, from bass clarinet to flute and soprano sax, with great integrity, and his band, including guests Nicholas Payton and Mark Whifield, is excellent. His arrangements acknowledge numerous influences – handily listed by Pine on the liner notes – and as for his production, it brings the dance floor to your living room so play it loud.

A salute to Partos

By MICHAEL AZENSTADT

In 1954, composer Odeon Partos was the first musician to ever receive the Israel State Prize. The Hungarian-born composer immigrated to Israel at the request of Bronislaw Huberman in 1938 as an accomplished violinist. After changing instruments upon his arrival, he became the principal violist of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra for 18 fruitful years. Partos, who would have celebrated his 90th birthday this year, died 13 years ago, but he left behind him an impressive canon of compositions, as well as numerous students and even more friends, all of whom will celebrate his anniversary in a special event this Friday in Jerusalem.

As part of its biweekly concert series with young musicians, the Jerusalem Music Center presents a special Partos program performed by members of the Center's Young Musicians Division, which has been operating for over 17 years, enabling young talented musicians to hone their craft with the best teachers around.

Usually these concerts are a showcase of the musical talents of the future, but this time around, the concert will be a homage to a great musician of the past whose music is still very much part of our present.

Partos's music is performed quite regularly by orchestras and

musicians all over the country, but it is easiest Israeli folk-oriented works or the later works which are much more abstract yet always evocative and written from the soul.

In this concert, the young musicians of the JMC will perform two works by Partos – *Magamot* and *Ronda* – as well as two works by composers who were very much influenced by Partos and wrote works dedicated to him.

Ze'ev Steinberg, who was also a member of the IPO viola section for many years and who knew Partos very well as a friend and a teacher, is still an active musician and composer who dedicated his *Little String Quartet* to his friend. Yinaam Leef, one of the most talented and intriguing composers of the newer generation, wrote *Triptych* in memory of Partos.

In a period in which most performed Israeli music is by living composers, and usually the younger ones, the works of three composers who are no longer alive still enjoy a regular place in the repertoire: Mordechai Seier, Paul Ben-Haim and Odeon Partos, the latter the most difficult composer to listen to, yet in many ways the most rewarding.

The Jerusalem Music Center celebrates the 90th anniversary of the birth of Odeon Partos with a special concert this Friday (noon).

Nurit Galron hides the seams

Sabra Sounds



By Emily Hauser

Nurit Galron is a longtime favorite on the local pop scene, and with good reason. Her voice is beautiful, and she has consistently chosen material which touches and moves her audience, while soothing their frazzled nerves. She's sort of a female Barry Manilow, which is code for the fact that Galron has never been one of my favorites. Like Manilow, she does beautiful work that is so smooth as to be seamless. I like the occasional seam, the occasional bit of musical and emotional tension.

That aside, this collection is a very good representation of some

OSEF ("COLLECTION")

Nurit Galron (NMC)

ZINO FEATURING HUMAN BEATBOX

Human BeatBox (BNE)

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of Galron's best-loved work. Old favorites such as "Ata Harai Yode'a" ("You Know") and "Ki Ha'adam Etz Ha'sadeh" ("Because Man Is a Tree in the Field") are here, as are nicely reworked, 1997 versions of "Nig'a Ahat Raka" ("One Gentle Touch") and "Kulam Z'kukim Le'heshed" ("We All Need Kindness").

I was happy to find "Ata Po Ha'er Li" ("Here You Are, Missing"), in which a hint of painful bewilderment can be heard

in Galron's voice. The slightly manic "Simpatia" ("Sympathy") – a whimsical little song about people who continue to live in and love less-than-lovely Tel Aviv – was included, but for some reason, the delightfully lunatic "Ani Estah" ("I'll Go Crazy") was not.

For Galron fans who don't own any of her albums, *Osef* is an excellent place to start.

LISTENING to the wide range of songs on *Zino featuring Human Beatbox*, you may be hard-pressed to believe that all of the noises on the disc – every chirp, thump and trill – are man-made. Every single one.

Don't expect Bobby McFerrin redux, though. While truly a capella, this album owes as much to modern recording technology as it does to the human voice, which is why you may find yourself wondering just how the gentlemen in Human Beatbox got their throats to do that stuff.

In a glorious case of humanity-meets-technology, brothers Boaz, Enon and Tamir Ben-David record their own voices and then run the recordings through sequencers and samplers, playing with pitch and creating loops, thus producing rap, jungle, trance and other electronic-by-definition music, as well as pop and rock.

As the title implies, it was not created by Human Beatbox alone. Singer and music industry figure Haim Zinowitch (a.k.a. Zino) saw the Ben-David brothers perform on TV a couple of years ago and decided to take them under his wing, becoming Human Beatbox's manager and producer, and eventually writing and helping perform several songs on the resulting CD.

The final product is a great mishmash of styles and even languages – for example, tracks 4 through 7 are, respectively, a trip-hop tune in French, a cover version of Bob Dylan's "Lay, Lay, Lay," a cover of Ariel Zilber's very mellow "Ve'ech She'lo" ("However"), and an original, English-language trance

track, "The Mosquito Trans" (sic). And somehow, astonishingly, it all works. If you like a good beat, this is a muly fresh take on a whole bunch of styles. Much more than a novelty record, you'll find yourself listening to *Zino featuring Human Beatbox* well after the novelty's worn off.

I do have one important suggestion for Human Beatbox, however: If anyone involved in this project decides to take this album abroad,

please don't leave it in my

an English-language songwriter must go over the lyrics and liner notes. When Zinowitch sings, "What's a stain if it can't go off," on "Hide," one can only assume he means, "What's a stain if you can't get it off." Likewise, one can only cringe when reading the

lyrics to "I'm the 1": "And I walked, for days I walked, until I was reviled to me in smoke (sic)." A project this good, this well-produced, deserves better.

DID YOU KNOW?
Q: Haim Zinowitch recorded

what other decidedly eccentric CD in recent years?

A: Haim Zinowitch Ve'haproject Ha'gibberish ("Haim Zinowitch and the Gibberish Project"), an album of songs written entirely in – you guessed it – gibberish.

Habimah's new group of seven

By HELEN KAYE

The creative countdown has started at Habimah with seven projects completed or starting rehearsals this week and next. *Veronica's Room*, a thriller by US playwright Ira Levin, is currently playing at Habimah and within the Actors Theater framework.

Next is Esteban Goutfрид's farce *Lollo*. The story of how the media can hype even a loser, it won a prize at this year's Acie Festival. It starts shortly in the Carpentry club theater.

Director and psychodrama therapist Hanan Suir is doing a workshop prior to starting rehearsals in January for a revival of *The Dybbuk*, which will be presented at the Israel Festival next May.

And starting this week, the following plays go into rehearsal for openings starting in January and going right through into summer:

Underpants, the first of the quartet of plays by German anti-fascist Carl Sternheim, translated by and starring Doron Tavori. The entire quartet will play in rotation in July 1998. *Bustan Sfaradi*, by ex-president Yitzhak Navon, opens January 8. The musical director is Yehudit Ravitz. The original production premiered in 1971 and ran for 400 performances.

Sanya Muskar, a drama by Savyon Librecht about two elderly sisters during the Holocaust, opens January 31.

The Jewish Wars, adapted for his ensemble by Young Habimah artistic director Ilan Ronen from Josephus's great history.

The first part is due in March; the second will premiere during the summer.

If all of this looks very ambitious, it's meant to. General manager Ya'akov Agmon likes big, and 1998 is Habimah's 80th birthday and Israel's Jubilee.

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The appeasing of Saddam

The recent so-called "Iraq crisis" to which the world has been subjected has acquired the aura of a massive confidence trick. During his recent visit to Israel, former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger predicted that Russia is so intent on elbowing its way back into Middle East diplomacy that it would follow short-term policies which it would later regret, just to get one up on the United States. Its intervention with Saddam has proved Kissinger's analysis spot on.

The alarm registered in the West over the "deal" is neither envy nor sour grapes – it is genuine concern that the whole crisis might have been concocted by Iraq and Russia. The glee with which Moscow and Baghdad hailed their "victory" is highly suspicious, and about as reassuring as the historic "peace in our time" fiasco of Munich. The official Iraqi press called it "a great victory" in our latest battle with the world oppressors in America – a statement which at least has the merit of honesty in defining the confrontation as the latest, but not the last, attempt by Saddam Hussein to continue the 1991 Gulf War indefinitely. The free Russian media were less triumphant, warning that the deal could turn nasty – except for one newspaper that gushed: "Moscow acted as a world power averting what seemed an inevitable war in the Gulf." Nonetheless, Russia's politicians are clearly basking in the glory of what they are selling as a diplomatic coup.

The story is simple. Saddam expelled six American inspectors 10 days ago, accusing them of spying. The United Nations pulled out the entire team. After goading Washington for a week, Iraq and Russia concocted an alleged deal to end the standoff. On Friday the 80 inspectors flew back to Iraq to resume their monitoring of Saddam's weapons programs.

The unseen story is not so simple. The crisis was started by Saddam when the inspectors apparently came too close to nailing his nerve gas and biological agents technology. The departure of the inspectors gave his goons a clear week to either again destroy, or more likely move, the incriminating evidence to an unknown or secured site. He has done it before – so this story is not new. But this time, as well as thumbing his nose at Washington, Saddam managed to dupe the over-eager Russians. Moscow denies reports of a secret deal with Saddam by which it would start to fight for the UN Security Council to start lifting sanctions, but even without a secret protocol, the deal remains highly suspect.

The United States signaled some skepticism over Saddam's climbdown by sending another warship, the aircraft carrier *George Washington*, to the Gulf. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright made it clear she was not taken in by Russian maneuvering. Asked if Russia could influence the United States in getting sanctions lifted, she snapped "the quick answer is no!" That said, the

United States cannot crawl out from under its own colossal blundering in this confrontation with Saddam.

Saddam's new promise to comply fully and unconditionally with UN resolutions on the arms inspections is about as credible as his claim that he never invaded Kuwait. The promise, conveyed by Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz, made grim reality the old joke about diplomacy being the act of lying for one's country. But the last great superpower has allowed itself to be double-bluffed: Saddam has led Washington by the nose, and allowed Russia and France to lend a finger to the nostril.

Even if the Russian diplomatic ploy does prove the gullible Arab states, longing for the leverage of the old days of playing one side against the other, have swallowed the hook and line of Russia being back with a bang in Middle East politics. In their envious and hypocritical hatred of Western power, the Arab states are also buying the story of Saddam as a force not only to be reckoned with, but admired, as the ever-syphonic Palestinians prove once again.

As for those American officials who continue to spout the party line that Saddam gained nothing – do they think the rest of the world has lost its critical faculties? For once, the much maligned media are in the vanguard of fighting the lies of the politicians and diplomats – and there is every sign that public opinion in Europe, the United States, and even Russia is right with the editorial and opinion writers and commentators on this one.

The fact is simple – Saddam Hussein has played the United Nations for a fool while hiding his lethal toys, and everyone knows it, even those who are denying it. In so doing he has undermined UN authority, and as an extra bonus he has undermined American credibility. While most comparisons of modern events with those of Europe's fascist era are facile, there are a couple of parallels worth pondering. Hitler and Mussolini between them: emasculated and destroyed the League of Nations, made the prime minister of the respected British Empire look like a weak and bumbling fool, and ultimately made the world a more dangerous place.

It's time for a loud wake-up call. This is Saddam Hussein we are dealing with. This is the Saddam that gassed 3,000 of his own people to death in Halabja town, the Saddam that invaded Iran, rained missiles on Teheran, then invaded Kuwait, and rained Scud missiles on Riyadh and Tel Aviv. Iraq and Russia between them have just made our world a more dangerous place. They have made the United Nations look like their straight man in a sick stand-up act. They have made the world's policeman – the United States – look just a bit more like a burbling small-town cop. Wake up, everyone; this is Saddam, and this is appeasement.



A post-Zionist society

This week saw the start of a series of university conferences and seminars dedicated to the country's 50th year. Two very contrasting seminars took place at Ben-Gurion University.

The first of these was a two-day conference dedicated to the role of Israel's founder/leader, David Ben-Gurion, during the formative years of statehood. The second was the first lecture in a year-long seminar series dedicated to an examination of "Identity and Citizenship in Contemporary Israel."

The two events took place during the same week, around the same theme – 50 years of statehood – but were vastly different in both their content and direction. While the first was an examination of the past, the second is an analysis of where we, as a society, are headed during the next 50 years.

Dealing with the issue of identity and citizenship is neither easy nor comfortable here and now. We are a heterogeneous society, within which two national groups – Jewish and Arab-Palestinian – and two distinct Jewish cultures – secular and religious – reside side by side. Ashkenazi and Sephardi Jews remain strongly divided, socio-economic gaps have grown, while the recent influx of over 400,000 foreign workers, many of them with families, has created a new underclass which will provide the core of new ethnic communities over the next 10 to 20 years.

The multi-identities of each of these groups is different. Some see themselves first and foremost as Israelis, while others define themselves primarily as Jews. Some see Zionism as an important component of their personal identity, while a growing number of Israelis define themselves as post-Zionist (secular Left), anti-Zionist (Arab-Palestinian, some haredim), neo-Zionist (the religious nationalists and settler movement), or simply citizens.

At least 30 percent of the population is not Jewish (Arab-Palestinians, a large percentage of recent immigrants, foreign work-

ers) and clearly does not, and cannot be expected to, identify with the national ethos of Zionism as the supreme state-building ideology.

The emerging post-Zionist thesis argues that the state should be redefined as a state for all its citizens

ical Left, universal values of human rights and equality are more important than a narrow ideological identity as determined by the state and its institutions.

An even greater number on the religious Right see their own divinely inspired values and identity as being of far greater importance than any form of democratic ideal as manifested in the modicum of statehood.

If we want to minimize intra-societal conflict over the next 50 years, there is a need for the state to redefine itself in terms of who exactly is a citizen and what rights does he/she possess regardless of his/her ethnic, religious, or cultural preferences.

A Jewish democracy, if there is such a thing, would not be one that imposes Judaism, but one that recognizes fully the rights of the single national ethos of Zionism.

But instead of recognizing contemporary realities for what they are, the state continues to believe that the creation of some form of single, homogeneous society is still possible. This although the government itself includes many members who themselves do not identify with this single, socially constructed, national identity.

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The aliya challenge

PAULA R. STERN

Again the young woman protested that that wasn't how it would be, but he laughed her off and told her that he worked for *The Jerusalem Post* and that she should call him when she got to Israel.

Ignoring or perhaps unaware of her hurt feelings, he continued with his comments. "In a few generations, there will be no Jews in America," he predicted, and we all thought him daft. How could he honestly expect 6 million American Jews to make aliya, we asked?

"That isn't what I said," he replied. And then he quoted intermarriage and assimilation rates that have only climbed higher in the years since he spoke.

THAT was when he hit us with the lobster story. To paraphrase, and perhaps lose some of the drama, he wanted to cook lobster for his friends, but had never done it before. The fish store was closed, so he bought two live lobsters and dropped them in boiling water. To his horror, they began to climb out of the pot. The ruckus that ensued brought his friends running into the kitchen and one explained that to cook a lobster, you put him/her in a pot of nice cold water.

Being cold blooded things, lobsters sit happily in the cold water. Ever so quietly, you turn up the heat. The lobster feels the water begin to get hot, but he remembers that it was cold before and has faith that it will be cold again someday soon.

In a short time, the lobster becomes dinner because he couldn't recognize the warning signs. Despite the heat, despite it becoming

increasingly more uncomfortable and even dangerous, the lobster stays in the place where he has found comfort before. Then he called us lobsters.

Years have passed and the telephone number has long since disappeared from my memory, and so I can't call to tell him that I've already been here a few years. To some extent, Yaakov Kirschen was correct, life in America does get complicated and it did take much longer to get here than I ever thought it would. The economics degree? Well, that turned out to be political science, and his lobster story, truly brilliant, has been told and retold countless times.

But each week, when I see the Dry Bones cartoon, and occasionally when a friend back in the States E-mails me to ask, "Did you ever call that guy?" I think back and try to remember the phone number.

Despite Bezeq's new seven-digit system and the years that have passed, I know that I could just call 144 and ask, or I could send an E-mail message, something like: "Mr. Kirschen, you probably don't remember me, but years ago at Columbia you spoke and challenged me to make aliya, and, well, here I am."

I know that someday, I'll try to track him down. Someday, I'll ask him if that lobster story is really true, and if he really got yelled at for turning on the flashlight in the middle of the desert.

For now, I go about my business with a smug smile on my face. Kirschen doesn't know it – but I won the challenge.

The writer, a freelancer living in Shdorot Tikva, made aliya in 1993.

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Limits on laws

ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Finally, someone is talking sense about Megan's Law. The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has imposed limitations on Megan's Law which strike an appropriate balance between the right of the public to know about sexual predators in their community and the right of a convicted sex offender to receive some semblance of due process before his prior sex act requires him to register as a dangerous sexual predator.

Megan's Law was enacted in response to a horrible crime against a young girl that captured the imagination of the American public. As is typical of legislation stimulated by emotional cases, the laws enacted in many states are far too broad and overinclusive. For example, in several states, Megan's Law is applicable to adult homosexuals who engage in consensual sex with other adult homosexuals.

In the recent Massachusetts case, a married man with children and grandchildren went to a wooded area known to be a location for consensual adult homosexual encounters. There he found another adult who apparently was seeking a sexual encounter. The problem was that this other man was an undercover cop on "gay patrol." He arrested the married man for indecent assault and battery. The defendant pleaded guilty, was fined \$62 and was put on probation for two years. Though he fulfilled the conditions of his probation, the statute requires him to register as a dangerous sex offender.

Calling himself John Doe, he filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the statute, claiming that compelled registration would subject him to economic discrimination (he is a carpenter), familial embarrassment, and harassment by neighbors.

The court agreed, concluding

American victims' rights' legislation often does more harm than good

that there is absolutely no evidence that this man constitutes any threat to children or adults. His only crime involves consensual conduct with an adult who turned out to be a cop.

The court struck down as unconstitutional the registration requirement as applied to defendants such as the one who brought the lawsuit.

In order for a Megan's Law to be constitutional as applied to such defendants, it would have to provide a hearing and an affirmative determination "concerning his threat, if any, to minors and others for whose protection the act was passed."

There is absolutely no basis for requiring the registration of adult homosexuals who seek the company of other adult homosexuals. Nor would there be any basis for requiring the registration of Johns who solicit adult female prostitutes and are arrested.

These sorts of consensual actions should not be criminal. To require such people to register is to punish them twice for their sexual preferences. It also trivializes Megan's Law, which has a legitimate purpose if limited to truly predatory sexual offenders, especially those like the man who killed Megan Kanka – whose targets are children.

It will take courage for legislators to vote in favor of narrowing Megan's Law. After all, no one has ever lost an election for being too tough on crime, while many politicians have been defeated for being perceived as soft on crime or permissive about homosexuality.

We live in an age of public hysteria about crime. Although crime rates are dropping dramatically, politicians – especially elected district attorneys seeking higher office – are pandering to the public fear. The result is "victims' rights" legislation which often does more harm than good. It defuses limited resources and directs them away from preventable predatory crimes.

Megan's Law and its variants around the US should be struck down as unconstitutional, except insofar as they apply to dangerous sexual predators who are likely to be repeat offenders. By limiting this powerful weapon to the truly dangerous, its efficiency can be improved. Right now, we have a shotgun that scares its shot far too widely. What we need is a laser beam. The Massachusetts case is a good beginning.

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On November 23, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that 2,000 delegates from all over the world attended a Zionist Palestine Conference in Poland.

A prediction that within six years Germany would once again have colonial possessions was made by Hitler at Augsburg.

Military patrols conducted extensive searches in the Jerusalem District. Over half a dozen Arabs were arrested.

Enthusiastic reports in the British press followed the Habibah performance of *The Dybbuk* in London.

50 years ago: On November 23, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported from Lake Success that after voting on a large succession on a long list of matters, the UN General Assembly decided, before winding up, to stand by until the

Palestine Ad Hoc Committee delivered its report. The US asked the Assembly to approve the proposed Partition Plan.

A Jewish girl and five men were arrested in Jerusalem and Jaffa after arms and ammunition were found in their possession. A number of Jews were assaulted by British soldiers checking identity cards and curfew movement permits and searching for arms in Jerusalem.

British civilians living in Haifa's Security Zone have been warned not to visit the Hadar Hacarmel quarter without a special permit.

A "bomb factory" in Cairo, designed to help extend Jewish terrorism to the heart of the Arab world" was raided by Egyptian police. A young Jew, described as "Zionist," was arrested.

25 years ago: On November 23,

1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said that he did not anticipate absolute quiet on the Syrian border after Israel shot down six Syrian jets and had destroyed 15 Syrian T-54 and T-55 tanks a day earlier. Some 20 Syrian soldiers were killed and many wounded. Israel suffered one killed and two wounded.

The Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. David Elazar visited Kibbutz Merom Hagolan which was badly damaged by Syrian artillery.

Syria continued to call upon Arab governments to rally to its aid in "repelling Israel's aggression and aiming strong blows on this enemy."

MK Gideon Hausner said that he was determined to press for a vote on his Civil Marriage Bill in the current Knesset session. Alexander Zvieli

argued to argue with him, but he was eloquent and funny; he was arrogant and amusing. She tried to explain that his scenario was wrong, that there were reasons to get an education, and then make aliya. He laughed and asked her what she was studying that was so important, that was so unique, that it couldn't be studied in Israel.

She told him she was studying economics and the audience, aware that inflation was raging out of control in Israel, had its own laugh.

But then he told her that perhaps she was correct. "And why not get married here also?" After marriage would come children, he predicted, and then you need to send them to school. When the children are grown, perhaps you can come on aliya, he suggested. Ah, but then the children will need a college education. Perhaps after No, then come the grandchildren.

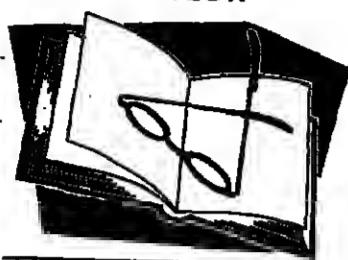
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FEATURES

The United States of Anger

Book Review



Observing from the sidelines, the BBC's former Washington correspondent finds an America seething from within, reports Bill Glauber

The way Gavin Ester sees it, Americans are angry.

They're angry about politicians, lawyers and big government.

They're angry about race, abortion, crime and stagnant wages. They're so angry, so polarized, that they are no longer sure whether the American dream works.

Ester, the British Broadcasting Corporation's Washington correspondent from 1989 to 1996, has attempted to document this rage in a book, *The United States of Anger: The People and the American Dream*. During his eight-year tour of America, he broke free from Washington politics and traveled the country, discovering anger in nearly every corner of the country.

In Arkansas, he met "the country doctor of the 1990s," armed like a cop and drawing his gun like a cowboy. In Minnesota, he attended an anti-abortion meeting where activists sold T-shirts emblazoned with the slogan: "Intolerance is a Beautiful Thing." He talked to a super-commuter who lived in Ohio and worked in Florida. He spent an evening with a laid-off worker, holding on to his slice of the American dream in a self-built cabin in a frozen New Hampshire forest. He listened as a Mississippi teacher anguished about trying to mold scarcely literate children for a computer age.

A trip to Oklahoma City found Ester interviewing Kathy and Gien Wilburn, determined grandparents "on an unending mission for the truth," about the terrorist blast that destroyed the federal building there in April 1995, killing scores, including their own two grandchildren.

The Wilburns tracked down hundreds of leads on the case. They also carefully preserved their grandchildren's possessions, including a soiled diaper. They no longer trust their government.

Changes sweep America, Ester writes, "with a speed that leaves tens of millions of otherwise law-abiding taxpayers disgusted, angry and fearful that the most successful country in the history of the world is on the brink of catastrophic failure." He writes that "beliefs untroubled by reason," lies at the heart of the angriest people in America, such as the anti-government militias.

Others have been driven to despair by a rapidly changed economy, and technological change.

He blames American lawyers for helping foster a culture of whining and anger. There are too many lawyers in America, he says, writing too many laws, and filing too many frivolous lawsuits. Thus, a country built on individualism has fostered a whining culture.

Despite his often dire assessment, Ester says he actually loves

America. In an interview, he recalls growing up in Scotland, befriending an American boy, and going to his house for lunch.

"In Scotland, a ham sandwich is usually two pieces of bread, a slab of butter, and one piece of ham," Ester says. "That day, I had a real sandwich. Piles of ham and cheese. Lettuce and tomato. For me, that's America. That ham and cheese sandwich."

In 1989, the BBC sent Ester to Washington after stints covering stories in Russia, China and Northern Ireland. He discovered a country in search of itself and its place in the world at the end of the Cold War.

"I was amazed that there wasn't a sense of celebration," he says.

"There was a sort of sense that things had gone wrong," Ester says. "He kept noticing weird things. Like violence. He figured out that statistically, he was safer in Belfast, Northern Ireland, during the height of the terrorist 'troubles,' than in Washington.

Riots were different, too.

"Every riot I'd ever been to in Northern Ireland was a riot of purpose," he says. "But the riots in Los Angeles after the Rodney King case were simply anarchy. People were trying to grab what they could. One person we got on film was arrested by the cops on Hollywood for stealing a bag of ice. This man was putting his life, his entire future on the line, for a bag of ice from a liquor store. This was not a rational act. This was just anger."

He also covered the 1992 presidential race, in which George Bush was heavily favored after the Persian Gulf War victory. But while traveling in Iowa with Democratic candidate Paul Tsongas, Ester noticed that people weren't talking about the war victory. They were furious about the economy.

"People were asking, 'How come I don't have any health care? How come I can't plant crops this year because I don't know if I'm going to go bust or not?'" Ester recalls.

In his daily television reports from the United States, it was hard for Ester to tell this complicated American story to a British audience. "Europeans have this bizarre view of the US," he says. "We see booming stock markets, the triumph of the Cold War, a country winning every Olympic gold medal, television reruns of *Baywatch*, *Dallas* and *Superman*." Europeans think they know the US. But what they don't quite understand is the degree to which American society is quite different to Hollywood's portrayal of it.

"People in Europe don't understand why America has the death penalty. We have an abortion debate, but nobody gets shot over it."

Europeans know America has guns. They know about the violence of America. But they cannot conceive the nature of the constitutional debate over guns. In Europe, constitutions are not holy writ. They are documents made by flawed men that can be changed.

As a Briton, Ester is accustomed to voting in elections where a turnout of less than 70 percent of the vote is cause for scandal. But in America, where the turnout doesn't even reach 50%, he notes that "those who do not vote need take only a short step further towards failing to accept the moral authority of a government they did not endorse."

In the end, Ester sees a country faced with unrest and violence, with cities that "perpetually hover one court case, one police beating, one shooting away," from a repeat of the riots that engulfed Los Angeles in 1992. Yet he remains confident that the center of American life will hold, aided by an adaptable economy.

The good news about the United States is it's endlessly inventive," he says. "In America, they're always solving problems, always practical, always looking to do better." (Baltimore Sun)

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AT THE AUCTIONS

WITH MEIR RONNEN

Love and investment

Many art buyers who live in hopes of making a killing have not yet realized that buying for love rather than money, and buying only top quality, is the only way to ensure a handsome investment. Most art, even by "names," rarely sells high enough to compensate for the money that has been tied up in it. The cost of insuring and protecting a major piece can also prove prohibitive.

A demonstration of the sole

recipe that works is that of holding a major and seminal work for half a

century, was provided at Christie's New York this month, when a Picasso bought by the late Victor and Sally Ganz back in 1941 for \$7,000 (their first serious purchase), went for \$48.4m., over three times its rosies pre-auction estimate. Granted that \$7,000 was a lot of money in the 40s, the return is still splendid. However, Victor and Sally Ganz never tried to make money on things they bought for love, and they never sold a major picture. If they ever parted with something, it was in

order to buy something better.

Entitled "The Dream," the \$48.5m. oil depicts Picasso's blonde teenage mistress, Marie-Therese Walther, asleep in an armchair. It is one of the best of a dozen or so oils of Walther painted by the besotted Picasso before he got his young model with child.

The sale of the masterpieces in the Ganz collection, put on the block by their children, brought an astonishing \$206.5m., double its rosies estimate. The dozen superb Picassos in the sale fetched a total of \$164.2m. The Ganz family were never rich in cash; their heirs feared they could never manage to pay the estate tax. Now, even if they clear only a third of the sum achieved, they should manage to live quite well.

THE COLLECTION of the late Evelyn Sharp, an American hotelier, also did well at a Sotheby's New York sale this month. Top prices were again achieved by Picasso oils, though none of the five reached their best estimates and two didn't make their lowest ones. Best price was \$6m. paid by a private collector. A nude of Marie-Therese went for \$3m. The reason for the higher prices of the Picassos at the Ganz sale was simple: the Ganz works were

Three of the Chagall oils sold had been displayed by Sotheby's in Tel Aviv over Succot; I remarked to a Sotheby's director that none of them would make their best estimates. Only one came close and another was sold below estimate. Best price for a Chagall was a tad under \$3.2m. I wouldn't have bought it. The Chagall buyers, by the way, were not Americans.

A SCRAPBOOK ALBUM made by Hans Christian Andersen for the young daughter of a friend was sold by Sotheby's London last week for £333,500, over five times its pre-sale estimate. It was bought by Justin Schiller, a New

York children's book dealer. Among the clippings pasted into the album are some of Andersen's original papercuts.

LAST WEEK'S £3m. sale of equine pictures and sculptures at Sotheby's London chiefly featured oils of famous races and winners painted in the late 17th and early 18th century. They are easy to date because all the moving horses are depicted in a stylized manner, with hooves extended in pairs.

It was not until 1872, when pioneer action photographer Eadweard Muybridge set up a series of cameras to be fired as a horse galloped past them, that the gait of a horse could be accurately observed, winning a bet for the photographer, who wagered that at one point all of the hooves would be off the ground. (Two years later, Muybridge was acquitted of murdering his young wife's lover.)

After 1872, all painters, including Degas, began to depict horses in a convincingly realistic manner, as could be seen from other items in this sale.

THE MOST important Brahms manuscript ever to come on the market is to be sold by Sotheby's in London December 5, on behalf of the family of the man for whom it was written: Richard Muhlfeld, the greatest clarinetist of his day.

The working manuscript for two sonatas – Opus 120 no.1 in F minor and Opus 120 no.2 in E-flat major – were written in 1895 but amended when Muhlfeld worked together with the composer; all 67 pages contain extensive revisions.

The MS, which is dedicated in Brahms's hand to Muhlfeld, is estimated to bring between £450,000 – £500,000.



Pablo Picasso: The Dream, 1932 (sold at Christie's New York for \$48.5m.)

are stored in tanks on shore and in boats anchored just off shore.

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Another source of tension between Norway and Russia is Russia's plan to build floating nuclear power stations that can be

towed around to supply electricity wherever it is needed. Among potential customers are Indonesia, China and India. The first station to be built is slated to provide electricity to Pevek, a remote area in eastern Siberia.

The plan is to use reactors similar to those employed in nuclear ice-breakers. However, it would have to be towed 4,000 km to Murmansk for servicing at least once every 13 years for routine maintenance and more often in the case of malfunctioning equipment. The prospect of having this platform brought right up to its borders is causing a lot of trepidation in Norway.

Earthly Concerns



By Dvora Ben Shaul

The Soviet Union may have broken up, but the well-known Russian penchant for secrecy is alive and well. This trait has brought about a stand-off in the Arctic that has put Norway and Russia on opposite sides of a chilling issue.

Norwegian scientists and officials of the Norwegian government say that the vast amounts of nuclear waste stored on the Kola Peninsula in northwestern Russia, which borders Norway and Finland, is the largest concentration of nuclear waste in Europe. Off the coast of the peninsula, in the Barents Sea, there are some eighty scrapped nuclear submarines. More than half of them still contain their fuel rods. In addition, thousands of tons of liquid and solid radioactive waste

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Three momentous revolutions have shaken the practice of medicine from the time of Hippocrates until the early part of this century, and we are now at the beginning of another one that will have major implications on how doctors battle against disease.

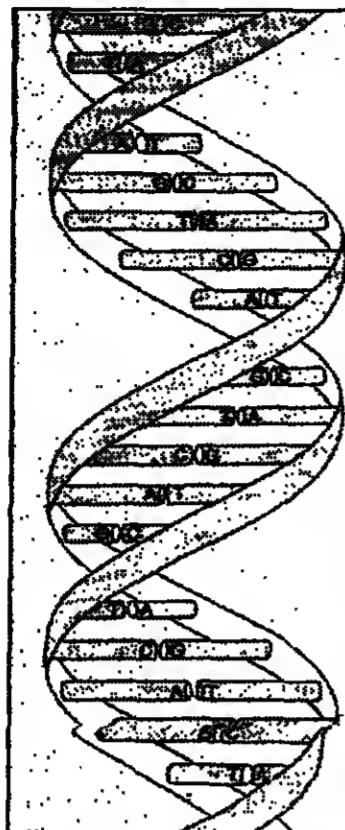
In the first, professional men of medicine, no matter how primitive their knowledge, took over from priests and began to search for causes of disease. Then in the second century CE, Galen – often called the father of experimental physiology – launched a systematic description of the body's systems. Finally, at the beginning of this century, German-Jewish bacteriologist Dr. Paul Ehrlich introduced chemicals that fought microbes and other disease-causing factors.

Today's fourth revolution, according to Hadassah Medical Organization director-general Shmuel Penchas, is looking beyond bodily systems to an examination of the cell and its parts – man's 100,000 genes and the base pairs of their DNA.

One can change a gene in a mouse to cause it to produce a certain enzyme or stop producing one. One can "knock out" a certain gene and a disease will never appear. Scientists can synthesize genes by piecing together base pairs in a specific order; they now are beginning to use viruses as vectors to introduce a new gene.

Work on lab animals is being translated into benefits for patients. Today's cellular medicine is making great strides, said Penchas, with help from highly efficient – and, of course, expensive – computerized devices that examine genes.

HADASSAH HAS invested \$10 million from a special fund to work in this field. One of the first concrete benefits is a new lab with \$500,000 worth of equipment, including a state-of-the-art Perkin Elmer ADI-310 DNA Sequencer, installed in Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Keren, to conduct molecular identification of carriers of ovarian



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an, breast and other cancers.

The cost of the device – which is the size of an office refrigerator – and the rest of the lab equipment, was covered by the Marcus family of Australia, which made its generous donation in memory of Stephen John Marcus through the Jewish Community Fund.

Penchas and Sharet Institute of Oncology director Tamar Peretz recently unveiled the new facility, the likes of which does not exist in any other Israeli hospital. The Weizmann Institute and the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus have an earlier model of the device but use it only for research. There are only two to three dozen DNA sequencers of this type in hospitals abroad.

The Ein Keren facility has already begun taking blood from

women with a first-degree relative who has had breast or ovarian cancer. Since most research on genetic mutations have involved Ashkenazi Jewish women in the US, there is little data on mutations in Sephardi women, but the new equipment will be able to screen for these as well, Peretz said.

RONIT, A grandmother who is of Sephardi origin, contracted breast cancer three years ago and underwent a mastectomy; the disease then returned in the other breast.

"We have a family history of cancer, including my mother and her brother, so I wanted to have my daughter Galia tested to see if she carries a BRCA gene and has to take special measures against breast and ovarian cancer. But we were told that because we are Sephardi, too little was known about genetic mutations and nothing could be done."

Now, however, they and other Sephardi women with a family history of cancer have been called to the Sharet Institute to have their DNA sequenced, so that they can get answers.

Peretz, along with Prof. Dvora Abeliovich of the molecular lab in the genetics department and genetics adviser Dr. Michal Sagiv, said that until now, genetic diagnosis of carriers has been carried out at Hadassah and other hospitals by polymerase chain reaction (PCR). This magnifies the pattern of DNA base pairs, but one can look only at specific locations in the genome to find out if there is something missing.

The new device automatically scans the patient's genetic composition and looks for any divergences from the norm, specifically those that can increase the risk of genetically transmitted cancers, not only gynecological cancer but also of the colon and other types.

The difference between PCR and the DNA Sequencer can be compared to checking whether a Torah scroll is counterfeit by looking for only a number of specific words, or baving the entire text checked letter by letter, using a computer that compares it to the correct text.

While most gynecological can-



Prof. Dvora Abeliovich operates a state-of-the-art Perkin Elmer ADI-310 DNA Sequencer, which has been installed in Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Keren, to conduct molecular identification of carriers of ovarian, breast and other cancers. (Avi Hayom)

cers are not genetic, the chances that a patient with ovarian cancer is a carrier of the defective gene is 45%, while of a woman with breast and ovarian cancer is over 80%. They noted that 25,000 healthy Ashkenazi women in Israel carry the BRCA1, BRCA2 or BRCA3 genetic mutations and are at high risk for contracting such cancers at some point in their lifetime.

EARLY DIAGNOSIS can lead to prophylactic oophorectomy (preventive removal of ovaries) in women who have completed their families. Those at risk can also undergo careful follow-up, mam-

mograms, and reduce the cancer risk from environmental factors with diet, exercise and weight control.

If a parent is the carrier of a gene responsible for breast, ovarian, colon or other cancers, the chances of inheriting it are only 50%.

Some with a family history won't want to know if they're carriers – it would make them too anxious – while others will, since this could lead to preventive treatment or early treatment with a much higher cure rate. For those who are not carriers, just being told so will reduce anxiety and improve their daily functioning.

However, the Health Ministry

does not interpret the National Health Insurance Law as requiring the health funds to pay for such tests, even though identifying carriers can lead to earlier diagnosis and greatly increase survival rates.

Peretz said that twice as many women with a family history of the diseases would come for testing if their health fund approved it. Kupat Holim Clalit has been the most likely to refuse to pay the NIS 800 cost of testing and genetic counseling, while Maccabi approved it without difficulty.

"There is a professional debate about this topic, and the ministry has asked for recommendations by experts. But a decision on inclusion in the basket of services will take time, and a cost-benefit analysis will also have to be included."

Israelis don't practice good health behavior

Health Scan



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Despite the plethora of information on health matters and even laws to promote healthy behavior, many Israelis still haven't taken things to heart.

According to the results of a survey conducted on a representative sample of 3,000 Israelis and reported at the Fourth European Conference on Health Education and Promotion, two-thirds of the population fail to get their blood-cholesterol levels checked. Half of those polled were ignorant of the fact that cancer can be hereditary.

Two-thirds of those over 18 are couch potatoes doing no regular aerobic exercise to get their heart and lungs functioning at maximum capacity. Two out of three women over age of 50 haven't undergone a mammogram to detect breast cancer.

The conference, held recently in Tel Aviv and organized by the Health Ministry's health education department, also disclosed survey results that only 17% of workers



A survey shows Israelis are not heeding warnings about their health.

world we would take it into clinics right now." Hormone replacement therapy provides women with estrogen, which wanes with the onset of menopause.

The scientists developed the technique to preserve fertility in cancer patients. Cancer treatment often makes young women infertile, stopping the ovaries from producing estrogen and bringing on early menopause.

FAXES FOR THE DEAF

The Health Ministry will finance the purchase of fax machines for all Magen David Adom ambulance stations so the deaf can call for

help. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza decided to spend the NIS 50,000 for this at the request of an association for the hearing impaired, which said many deaf people have fax machines to communicate with others, but cannot call an ambulance due to the lack of fax machines in MDA stations.

Gene therapy used to grow blood vessels

By THOMAS H. MAUGH II

Gene therapy has been used in Boston for the first time to grow new arteries in the legs of patients with severe vascular disease, bypassing blocked blood vessels and restoring circulation to limbs that would otherwise have been amputated. The unprecedented ability to grow new blood vessels could benefit not only the hundreds of thousands of patients around the world who undergo leg bypass surgery every year, but also many more who have coronary artery bypasses, experts said.

The leg treatment halted gangrene and ulcers caused by poor circulation in all but one of the 10 patients studied, eliminated pain and enabled patients to move around more freely. Dr. Jeffrey Isner of the St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston told an recent meeting of the American Heart Association in Orlando, Florida.

In a second study, Harvard researchers said they had successfully used gene therapy to prevent blockage in veins grafted into the legs of four heart-disease patients to bypass artery blockages.

The two studies are "the first applying gene therapy to cardiovascular disease in humans with success," said Dr. Valentine Fuster of Mt. Sinai Hospital, president of the American Heart Association.

Gene therapy involves the manipulation of a patient's DNA to treat or cure illness. In most cases it involves replacing a defective gene with a healthy one, but in some instances, such as these, it might involve shutting a gene off or producing a therapeutic protein.

Isner and his colleagues studied 10 patients with severe atherosclerosis. This disease clogs arteries throughout the body, and legs are especially vulnerable because of their distance from the heart. Because of the reduced flow in their legs, the patients had severe skin ulcers, gangrene and intense resting pain that typically required heavy narcotic treatment. All other attempts at treatment had failed and the next step would have been amputation.

The team treated the patients with DNA that served as the blueprint for a protein called vascular endothelial growth factor, or VEGF, which stimulates the growth of blood vessels. They injected the DNA into muscles at four sites along the leg at the beginning of the treatment and once again four weeks later. The VEGF injections stimulated new blood vessels to grow, improving the flow of blood through the legs. All of the patients had an improved ability to walk, reduced pain and improved ulcer healing. In eight of the 10 treated legs, improved blood

flow could be verified by magnetic resonance imaging. Angiograms confirmed evidence of new vessels in seven of the 10 treated limbs. Blood pressure in the legs also improved. Only one of the patients' legs had to be amputated – in a 39-year-old woman with severe atherosclerosis in both legs.

Meanwhile, Cato Research Israel, the Tel Aviv subsidiary of the Cato Holding Company in North Carolina, will participate in the development and commercialization of gene therapy products for the treatment of vascular diseases.

St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Cato, Human Genome Sciences Inc. and Dr. Isner have formed a new company, Vascular Genetics Inc., for this purpose. Isner will continue pre-clinical work and initiate clinical work with his vascular endothelial growth factor 2 in the US and in Israel.

Patients who are at an earlier stage of disease and can still be treated with bypasses, are the focus of the second study, reported by Dr. Michael Mann of Harvard and Dr. Victor J. Dzau of Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. The conventional treatment in such patients is to surgically implant a vein – usually the saphenous vein from the leg – to bypass the obstructed leg artery.

The problem is that a vein is not an artery. It's thinner and weaker because blood pressure is lower in veins. When veins are exposed to the higher pressures in the arterial system, the pressure triggers a complex set of changes that leaves the veins especially susceptible to atherosclerosis, a buildup of deposits on the insides of arteries. An estimated 30 percent of such grafts fail in two to five years and half within 10 years.

Working in animals, Mann and Dzau found a way to alter this process. Treating the tissue with a short segment of DNA allows the tissue to take a different pathway in which only useful muscle tissue is produced.

Once the tissue enters this pathway, moreover, the process is "irreversible," Mann said, and the risk of atherosclerosis is reduced.

"Basically, we're trying to manipulate the biology of a vein and make it behave more like an artery," Mann explained.

Mann reported on the team's studies with the first four patients they have treated. When the saphenous vein was removed from the patients' legs, it was bathed for about 10 minutes in a solution containing the DNA for the transcription factor decoy and then implanted in the normal fashion. Nine months later, all the grafts are still unobstructed, paving the way to major clinical trials with 2,000 patients. (Los Angeles Times)

Back to bed – or to work?



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

I am a 32-year-old woman generally in good health. I recently had my first bout with lower back pain. One orthopedist I saw said I must stay in bed and rest, while another one I consulted said I must get out of bed and be active. How do you explain these opposite opinions? R.N., Pardes Hanna

Dr. Daniel Plotkin of the orthopedics department at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba, answers:

One would have to look at your test results and x-rays to know exactly what your problem is. In general, the view that a person with lower back pain should stay in bed and rest is becoming outdated

and the latest research has found that moderate activity promotes recovery of an acute back condition, as it promotes the function of the spine and strengthens the muscles. You needn't do special exercises, but instead, go about your daily routine. Conventional pain relievers can be taken for pain but you should make sure to inform any doctor who prescribes other medications for you, as they could conflict with it. Certain types of antibiotics and anti-fungal drugs should not be taken with Ternalin. In general, the effects of all new-generation anti-histamines are similar.

Since arriving in Israel 16 years ago, I have suffered from allergy attacks every mid-April for six weeks. This year I sailed through April and May, but had worse attacks from June until October. Was there something new in the air this year? Is there any danger in taking 120 mgs of Ternalin once a day for three months, which is the only thing that helped? Is there a qualitative difference among the anti-histamines on the market? M.A., Jerusalem

Prof. Meir Shalti, director of the allergy unit in the clinical immunology department of Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Keren, replies:

There are two possible explanations for this phenomenon: either

the later arrival of winter delayed the flowering of the tree or plant to which you are allergic, causing the symptoms to appear later – or you have developed a new allergy. You should be tested by an allergist to find out and decide on treatment. Taking 120 mgs of Ternalin for three months or even more will not cause any harm, but you must make sure to inform any doctor who prescribes other medications for you, as they could conflict with it. Certain types of antibiotics and anti-fungal drugs should not be taken with Ternalin. In general, the effects of all new-generation anti-histamines are similar.

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The latest research has found that moderate activity promotes recovery of an acute back condition. (Brim Headley)

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Electronic 'shouting' from the rooftops

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

What's smaller than a bread box and has the ability to link people, via TV, Internet and phone links, any time of the day or night and in nearly any type of weather? It's an AirOptics wireless optical transceiver, a device that sends communications over an invisible beam of light from building to building and even from a parked jet plane to the airline's network. The system, based on patents held by the five-year-old Jerusalem-based company, is an alternative to cable and even some cellular phone communications, which poses no health dangers from electromagnetic radiation and requires no digging

under the ground or into the walls.

AirOptics was founded five years ago by Dr. David Medved, a physicist with a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania who came on aliya in 1990, after selling his fiber optics business to Amoco Oil. Medved remains AirOptics president.

AirOptics began as JOLT (Jerusalem Optical Link Technologies), which was an industrial "incubator" that took root at the Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT). A number of JCT graduates, who studied high-level science and technology in addition to Talmud, are among the 25-member AirOptics staff — which explains the sign on the door of the Talpiot industrial zone

office noting when the afternoon minyan will be held.

JOLT grew and acquired a subsidiary in the US, and was then merged with Laser Communications of Pennsylvania to become AirOptics, says Yael Amishav, the company's director of business development. Today it uses both names in its dealings and publicity material, in which it claims to be a "world leader in wireless optical links."

THE TRANSCEIVERS — one on one rooftop and a second on another — serve as the basic unit of optic communications. They are little grey boxes, each with two round glass windows, that emit invisible light at a high frequency and speed. The system can func-

tion at temperatures from -45° to 75°, and the units must be set up along a direct line of sight. The beams don't pass through solid objects, but a passing bird will eat it, and neither will the beams harm the bird.

Amishav notes that the first application at JCT was medical: computerized tomography scans required brushes or twisted wires to transmit data from one part to another, but these broke down and the machines had to be dismantled to repair them. Optical transmission allowed reliable, high-resolution data transmission of data.

"We have filed a patent on that in the US and Israel," said Amishav. There are other companies that offer optical communica-

tions, including the copier and camera giant Canon and a German firm, "but our price is only a fraction of theirs and our speed, using LEDs (light-emitting diodes) is 155 megabits per second, while they use slower lasers."

The transceivers are placed on rooftops at a maximum of 1.2 kilometers away from each other. Under clear skies, the system can function when the shoebox-sized devices are considerably farther apart, but to provide reliable, all-weather service, a shorter distance was made the norm, Amishav notes.

"The AirOptics system is ideal for communications among buildings in corporate, hospital or university campuses, factories or airport facilities. When a body of water, such as a river or stream,

separates two buildings, phone cables are not recommended but rooftop optical links are easily installed."

In an airport, a jet that has landed can download information from its "black box" to control towers or airline terminals or upload in-flight entertainment without the two being physically connected.

AIROPTICS HAS over 50 distributors in two dozen countries and more than 2,000 units working around the world. These include buildings in a French ministry; a connection across the Gibraltar-Spain border that makes international calls local; a "token ring" for five Bank Leumi buildings; links in a Norwegian insurance company; and a variety of systems

in Portugal, Singapore, Italy, Turkey, Latvia, Sweden and Japan.

A cellular phone company has even used AirOptics as an intermediate link between base stations, (with Alcatel mobile systems offering the solutions in its own catalogue) and the same can be done with Bezeq infrastructure.

Telecommunications experts always say that "the last mile is still the longest." This refers to the relative ease of laying communications cables along main routes but the difficulty of reaching individual addresses some distance away from these routes. AirOptics systems can bridge that gap, and even the sky is not the limit.

TELL ME WHY

If lightning strikes, can thunder be far away?

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Is there any formula to estimate how far someone is from a lightning strike? I heard something about counting seconds between the flash of lightning and hearing the thunder.

Henry, Jerusalem

Prof. Avraham Zangvil, a meteorological expert at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, comments:

You are right. There is a recognized formula, based on fact, that the sound from thunder travels at 340 meters a second, while the light from lightning travels at 300,000 kilometers per second.

Therefore, you see the lightning immediately, but the sound of thunder takes several seconds to arrive.

All you have to do is count the seconds between the two phenomena and multiply them by one-third of a kilometer to get your answer.

Why do some photographs of people, whether indoors or outdoors, make the pupils of their eyes appear red?

Shlomo, Rosh Ha'ayin
David Brauner, The Jerusalem Post's photography expert, replies:

This is a phenomenon called "red eye." It's caused by the reflection of light on the retina, which is full of rods, cones, and blood vessels.

Red eye occurs only when a flash is used and the subject faces the camera directly.

If the subject is standing at a slight angle and is not directly in front of the lens, the flash doesn't enter the pupil directly and hit the retina, so you don't see it in the photograph.

Red eye usually doesn't appear when the person is standing opposite the sun because in direct sunlight, the subject tends to squint and his pupils contract, preventing most of the light from entering the eye.

But a flash is sudden, and the pupils don't have time to contract.

What is it in onions that causes the eyes to hurt and tear every time you cut them? Is there any way to prevent it?

Rita, Ra'anana

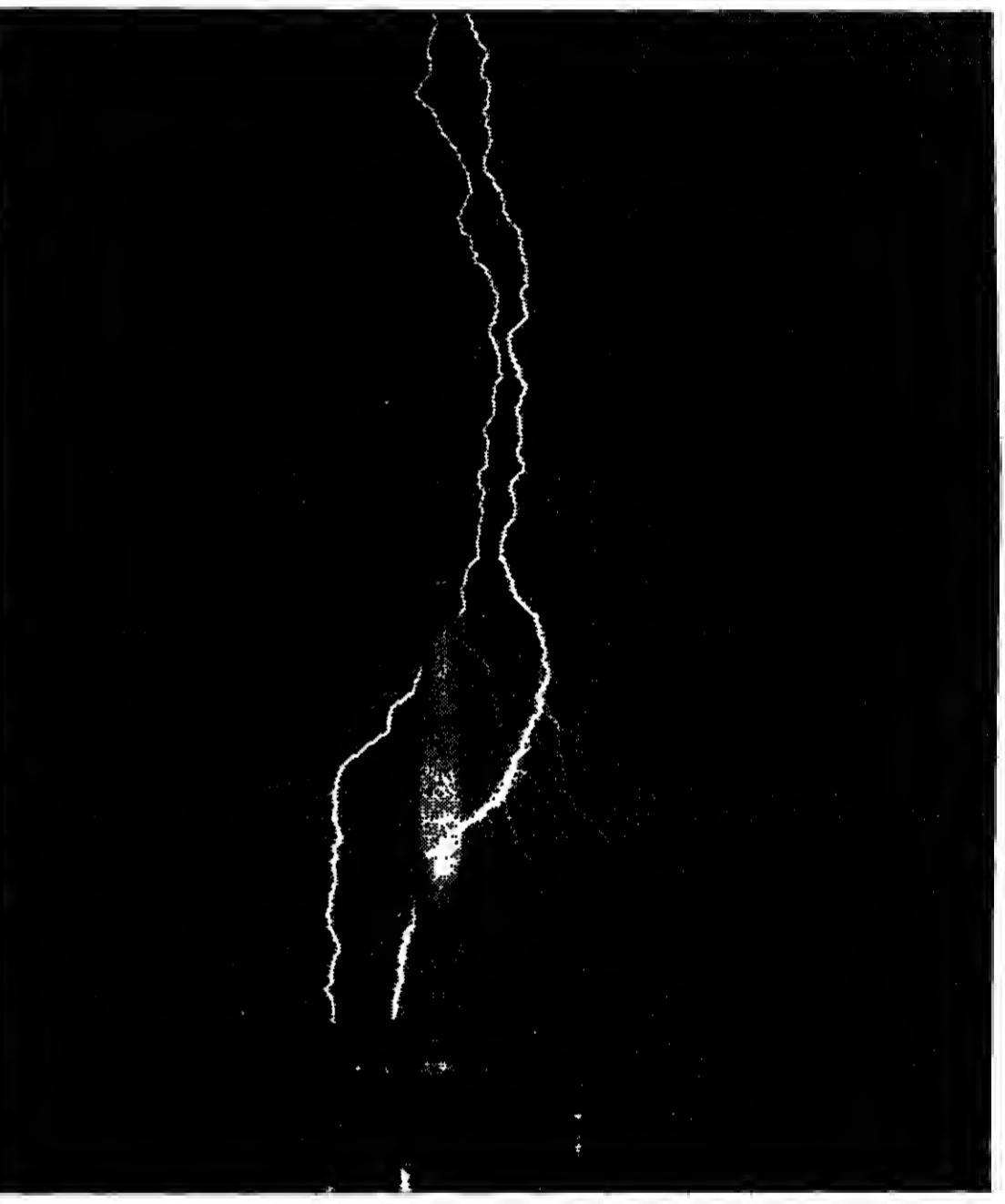
Irwin Gross of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Casoli Institute for Applied Chemistry:

The organic chemical in onions is called isopropyl mercaptan. It is a lacrimer (it causes the eyes to tear) and has a sulphur compound that causes the phenomenon.

One way to prevent the vapors from reaching your eyes is to peel or cut onions under running water.

Have you always wondered about the scientific explanation

for ordinary phenomena? Now you can get an answer. Mail your question to TELL ME WHY, The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem, fax it to (02) 5389527, or send it by e-mail to judie@jpost.co.il. Please include your first name and place of residence.



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(Kenneth Fischer)

Internet's access to information strikes fear in heart of dictatorships

By MATTHEW McALLESTER

The man leaned across the table and spoke so quietly that only the two of us could hear. His eyes moved from side to side, scanning the restaurant and the street outside for possible informants or military intelligence agents.

That's the way people communicate in Burma when they're talking with a foreigner about something that could land them in prison for several years.

"You know what?" the man said. "I got E-mail."

"You can't have," I said.

For several reasons I knew he had to be telling me a tall story. For a start, it's illegal to access the Internet in Burma. It's illegal to own an unlicensed fax machine or modem. A few years ago a supporter of the largest pro-democracy party in Burma died in prison, where he'd been sent because he did not have a license for his fax machine.

No one has E-mail or Internet access in Burma, except for a select few business owners who are friendly with the military regime that rules the country. Diplomats at a few foreign embassies also acknowledge that they have Net access and E-mail despite the Burmese government's restrictions. Even then, they say their E-mail is intercepted and read by the Burmese authorities.

This is a country where reporters have to visit in the guise of tourists, which is how I traveled in September and October. In Burma, all international calls are listened to by operators and the Burmese people assume, by military intelligence. So how could the man I was talking to across the table possibly have navi-

gated these political and technological barriers to get E-mail?

"No, I do. I've got it," he said.

The man smiled. He's a fixer, a small business owner. People come to him for help. He's thinking of offering people access to his Net account — for a price. Most of all, he looks out for himself, keeping on the right side of the military authorities but not showing them the fear they are so used to seeing in the faces of ones and zeroes and E-mail them home.

Instead, I hid them at the bottom of my backpack.

A couple of weeks later I was in Thailand, interviewing Burmese dissidents and refugees who have fled the Burmese government. Working with them in the north of Thailand are several Westerners who work as human rights campaigners, doctors and advocates for the refugees.

E-mail is an important tool in their work, as it helps them coordinate with people outside Thailand. One woman collects every story she can find about Burma into the *BurmaNet News* E-mail newsletter, which is delivered to the E-mail boxes of hundreds of journalists, activists and government officials around the world. It's precisely the kind of democratizing spread of information that the Burmese people are denied.

But even in Thailand there are problems. The human-rights advocates and health workers use encryption when communicating online. "They read all our E-mail," said an Australian doctor, referring to the Thai authorities. "The other day I tried to get my E-mail and my password had been changed."

The Thai government maintains diplomatic relations with the Burmese government, a pariah regime to many other democracies.

(Newspaper)

The seemingly preposterous predictions of Einstein's theory are now being corroborated.

Additional evidence of Einstein's predictive genius

By K.C. COLE

One of Albert Einstein's major predictions has received serious corroboration eight decades later by astrophysicists in the US and Italy. They report evidence that space gets dragged around by spinning objects like the train of a wedding dress circling a twirling bride.

If correct, the findings pin down one of the final hypotheses of Einstein's theory, which forms the bedrock of physicists' understanding of all large-scale events in the universe.

Other seemingly preposterous predictions of the theory that are now all but proven true include the existence of galaxy-size gravity lenses that bend starlight and black holes that suck in everything including light.

Now, one of the last holdouts — the idea that space itself gets swirled by spinning objects — appears to have been seen by researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Astronomical Observatory of Rome 20 years after it was first proposed.

"It's taking what was science fiction and bringing it into everyday astronomy," said Michael Nowak, a University of Colorado astrophysicist who reported on the findings at a scientific meeting in Colorado.

According to Einstein's theory of gravity, what people normally think of as empty space is actually a tightly woven fabric of space and time, interlocked like threads in a cloth. The space-time fabric gets warped by massive objects, just as a sheet would get warped into a deep well if an elephant were to sit on a bed.

Anything that comes near the well naturally rolls in, and that "falling" is the force we perceive as gravity.

If the elephant twists around on the bed, its motion carries the sheet with him. And if Einstein's theory is correct, so should space-time be dragged around massive objects.

In the new work, the scientists report that they were able

to witness evidence of this dragging by observing the behavior of cosmic behemoths such as black holes and spinning stars.

Black holes — by definition — cannot be seen directly, as no light escapes their grasp. However, a visible companion orbiting near the black hole slowly gets sucked in by its immense gravity.

The dust and gas get ripped off the star and swirl down into the hole, heating up to a billion degrees in the process and sending out an X-ray signal.

Using the US National Aeroautics and Space Administration's Rossi X-Ray Timing Explorer satellite, scientists believe they saw convincing evidence for "frame dragging."

If the evidence for frame dragging bears out, it would give further strength to the belief that Einstein's theory of gravity is right. "It's probably the biggest effect of Einstein's theories that hasn't been detected," said astrophysicist Luigi Stella of the Astrocomical Observatory of Rome.

Stella and his colleagues calculated that if certain neutron stars were dragging space around them, their fluctuating X-ray signals should contain a second, slower, signal superimposed on the first. He saw such a motion in three of 15 stars he analyzed.

The conclusion is that we are getting the first observational evidence of an effect that has been searched for generations," he said. If it's true, "it confirms one of the deepest consequences of Einstein's theory."

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However, the evidence is "very indirect," Wei cautioned. Along with Stella, he said he was looking forward to the results of an experiment to measure the dragging of the space-time frame around the Earth.

The Rossi X-Ray satellite was launched by NASA in 1995 specifically to study such objects. Unlike the Hubble Space Telescope, the Rossi telescope does not take visible images.

Instead, it detects energetic X-ray light coming from very close to the center of collapsed stars — within about 800 kilometers of the center.

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US stocks rise despite new Japan jitters

Wall Street

Japanese stocks are likely to see more turbulence this holiday-shortened week as investors keep an eye out for developments on the public fund issue which sent the Nikkei average on a wild roller-coaster ride last week.

Market players will also be watching Yamaichi Securities Co Ltd which was ordered by Japan's Ministry of Finance to come up with a plan to deal with its financial problems before Tuesday.

Tokyo markets will close on Monday for a national holiday.

SEOUL — Seoul stocks are expected to slide further next week due to deepening fears of the pain attached to the IMF bailout package, brokers said.

But the market could rebound if the government comes up with a plan to mend the real-name financial system.

"The IMF package will demand a painful industrial restructuring and a tight fiscal policy," said Choo Hee-yup, a broker, at Dongwon Securities.

"As a result, we will see more corporate bankruptcies and massive unemployment," he said.

The composite stock index ended at 485.30 on Saturday, down 33.94 points, or 6.53%, from 519.37 last Saturday.

HONG KONG — Hong Kong stocks are expected to trade in a wide range with an upward bias in the coming week, but with large swings in the index accompanying any regional equity and currency market fluctuations, brokers said.

"We are likely to see some window-dressing by institutions pushing the index up," said Steve Cheng, associate director at Lippo Securities. "We won't go lower than 9,000 and most likely we'll go above 11,000 on window-dressing." The Hang Seng Index closed 497.52 points, or 4.95%, higher at 10,548.20, after briefly touching a day's high of 10,602.50 in late afternoon.

Over the week, the index advanced 590.87 points, or 5.93%.

STOCKS

Dow Jones 7831.07 ▲ 54.66

FTSE 4985.8 ▲ 77.4

Nikkei 16721.58 ▲ 413.09

CAC-40 index closed at 2861.70, up 54.01 points, or 1.44% and up 165.66 points on the week.

ZURICH — Swiss shares closed

more than one percent up and near the day's high while attention focused on shares of Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS). The Swiss market index closed at 5725.5, up 75.1 points, or 1.33%, up 288.51 points on the past seven sessions.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines 1,582 to 1,270 on active volume of 592 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Nasdaq composite index,

laden with high technology issues,

fell 8.51 points to 1,620.75.

Traders attributed the so-late surge

in blue chips to the double

witching expiration of stock

index futures and options.

"Part of it was buying programs

and buy orders against the options

expiration," Jim Volk at Jensen

Securities said.

Renewed worries about Japan's

economy sent investors rushing to

safety, which boosted bonds as

well as blue-chip stocks.

The 30-year Treasury rose

11/32, or \$3.44, on a \$1,000 bond,

lowered its yield to 6.04 percent

from 6.06% on Friday.

Bond prices and yields move in

opposite directions.

The report that Yamaichi,

Japan's fourth-largest brokerage,

decided to ask Tokyo for permission

to shut down renewed worries on

Wall Street over economies in

Asia, and the impact of a regional

downturn on US corporate profits.

"It reinforces that all the trou-

bles over there are not over by a

long shot," Jim Benning, a trader

at BT Brokerage said.

Europe

Here is how major stock markets in Europe performed on Friday.

LONDON — Strong gains in Asia's financial markets and a reassuring start on Wall Street catapulted the UK's leading share index to a one-month closing high. The FTSE 100 closed at 4983.8, up 77.4 points, or 1.5%, a rise of 244 points on the week.

FRANKFURT — Germany's blue-chip DAX index closed just inside positive territory after an early rally failed to break through resistance levels and dealers said this took some steam out of the market. The DAX-30 index closed at 3959.69, up 43.75 points, or 1.12%, a gain of 228.75 from last Friday's close. In later screen-based trade the IBIS DAX index ended at 3941.91, up 10.10 points, or 0.26%.

PARIS — French shares rose sharply, propelled by the dollar's rise above 5.80 francs, strong gains in equities markets around the world and speculative interest in French financial shares. The

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The 225-share Nikkei average closed at 16721.58, up 413.09 points, or 2.53%.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patch (foreign currency deposit rates) (7.11.97)

Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	5,000	5,000	5,250
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5,625	5,750	6,000
German mark (DM 200,000)	2,250	2,375	2,875
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0,825	0,825	1,000

(Rates very higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (21.11.97)

CHECKS AND TRANSFERS	BANKNOTES	Rep. Rates*	
Buy Sell	Buy Sell		
Currency-basket	3,76884	3,8498	—
U.S. dollar	3,5025	3,5593	3,44
German mark	2,0060	2,0384	2,00
Pound sterling	5,9170	6,0125	5,81
French franc	0,5894	0,6091	0,58
Japanese yen (100)	2,7893	2,8343	2,88
Dutch florin	1,7803	1,8081	1,84
Swiss franc	2,4672	2,5070	2,55
Swedish krona	0,4686	0,4883	0,48
Norwegian krone	0,4837	0,5017	0,51
Danish krone	0,5270	0,5395	0,51
Finnish mark	0,6857	0,6765	0,69
Canadian dollar	2,4675	2,5073	2,55
Australian dollar	2,4396	2,4790	2,39
S. African rand	0,7227	0,7344	0,74
Belgian franc (10)	0,5723	0,5985	0,60
Austrian schilling (10)	2,8506	2,8866	2,84
Italian lire (1000)	2,0472	2,0803	2,01
Jordanian dinar	4,3387	5,0184	5,02
Egyptian pound	0,9900	1,0300	1,0252
ECU	3,9800	4,0422	4,0241

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The Jerusalem Post Sunday, November 23, 1997

Isiah Thomas quits as GM of Raptors

TORONTO (AP) — Isiah Thomas resigned as general manager of the struggling Toronto Raptors on Thursday and will sell his 9 percent stake in the National Basketball Association team.

Thomas, who has been offered a multimillion-dollar broadcasting job with NBC, will be replaced by assistant general manager Glen Grunwald. The Raptors are 1-9, last in the Eastern Conference's Central Division.

"It is with regret that we say goodbye to Isiah Thomas," majority owner Allan Slaight said. "He has made an important contribution to this franchise and we will miss him."

"He has laid a solid foundation for the Raptors, one that we will continue to build on for years to come. But what is positive about this team is that one member can move on, and everyone pulls together to ensure that the team continues to build and grow." Thomas failed earlier this year in a bid to buy out Slaight and relations between the two were reported to be strained ever since. Also, construction of the Raptors' new arena has been a money drain.

The NBC deal reportedly includes an analyst job on NBA telecasts and his own show on MSNBC, one of the network's cable outlets.

The face of the Raptors may change dramatically with Thomas' departure.

Raptors captain Damon

Stoudamire, the team's star player, often has said Thomas was one of the major reasons for staying in Toronto.

The rumored exit of Thomas had been front-page news in Toronto since the *Toronto Star* first reported that the franchise builder was up for a broadcasting job with NBC.

NBA standings and results

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pts	GB
New York	8	4	857	
Miami	7	4	836	1
Orlando	7	4	836	1
New Jersey	5	6	800	1
Boston	6	5	800	2
Washington	4	6	733	4
Philadelphia	3	7	733	3
Atlanta	11	1	817	
Charlotte	7	3	700	3
Chicago	7	5	593	4
Minnesota	8	6	585	4
Indiana	5	5	500	5
Cleveland	6	4	455	5
Detroit	4	6	333	7
Toronto	1	10	091	9

Thursday's games: New York 100, Atlanta 79; Portland 93, Detroit 87, Indiana 105, Milwaukee 85, Houston 77, Toronto 97; Golden State 101, Dallas 97; OT; Phoenix 89, Chicago 85; Sacramento 97, Utah 93.

Friday's games: New York 104, Washington 82; Charlotte 119, Miami 102; Boston 101, New Jersey 93; Cleveland 103, Minnesota 80; Seattle 94, San Antonio 74; Vancouver 99, Denver 96; Chicago 111, LA Clippers 100.

Rangers edge Hurricanes; Wings down Stars

GREENSBORO, NC (AP) — Alexei Kovalev scored twice and Wayne Gretzky added a goal and two assists Friday night as the New York Rangers cooled off the hot Carolina Hurricanes 4-3.

Gretzky assisted on Kovalev's game-winner midway through the third period after the Hurricanes scored two goals in a span of 4:33 to tie the score at 3-3.

The first appearance of Gretzky, the National Hockey League's all-time scoring leader, at the Greensboro Coliseum drew a crowd of 19,358 — the largest of the

season for the Hurricanes, who were averaging fewer than 9,000 through their first 11 home games since moving from Hartford, Conn., in May.

The Hurricanes came into the game 8-3-1 in their past 12 games but played without leading scorer Gary Roberts, captain Kevin Dineen and goaltender Trevor Kidd, all of whom are out with various injuries.

Red Wings 4, Stars 2

In Detroit, Steve Yzerman started a flurry of three Detroit goals in a 1:02 span of the first period as the

Red Wings broke out of a recent scoring slump with a win over the Dallas Stars.

The Red Wings, held to 11 goals in their last five games, scored on four of their first five shots against two Stars goalies. Former Stars forward Brent Gilchrist and Kris Draper followed Yzerman with goals on consecutive shots midway through the first period, and that all came after Nicklas Lidstrom scored on Detroit's first shot.

Benoit Hogue and Joe Nieuwendyk scored third-period goals for Dallas.

Friday's Games: NY Rangers 4, Carolina 3; Detroit 4, Dallas 2; Colorado 3, Toronto 1.

SPORTS

Hadad wins another satellite leg

By HEATHER CHAIT

Amir Hadad won his second singles title on the four-week Friedman men's tennis satellite, beating Noam Behr Jaffa yesterday.

Two weeks ago, Hadad won in Jerusalem but was defaulted in the first round in Haifa last week, due to his unsporting behavior.

Yesterday Hadad, seeded second, beat Behr 6-4, 2-6, 1-6 after beating Lior Mor 6-7, 6-1, 6-4 in the semi-final.

Behr beat the top seed and winner from Haifa Ofer Sela 6-0, 7-6 in the other semi-final.

Hadad augmented his victory by winning the doubles with Yoni

Erlich. As in the Jerusalem final, the pair beat Andy Ram and Michael Kogan 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.

In the Vanessa Phillips women's tournament, also in Jaffa, Anna Smashnova walked to victory without dropping a set.

In yesterday's final, top seed Smashnova beat second seed Tsippi Ozbel 6-3, 6-2.

In the semi-finals, Smashnova beat Jackie Rosen from the US 6-4, 6-0 and Ozbel beat Bianca Kamper of Austria 7-5, 6-0.

The doubles team of Smashnova and Ozbel reached the final where they lost to Maaike Koustast of the Netherlands and Nataly Cahana 6-2, 6-1.

Healy sets record as Kiwis battered in Perth Test

PERTH (Reuters) — Ian Healy became Australia's highest-scoring wicketkeeper in Tests as New Zealand were left facing defeat in the second test yesterday.

Healy hammered 85 and paceman Paul Reiffel struck 54 which, after Steve Waugh's dismissal for 96, pushed Australia's first innings to 461 all out.

New Zealand, needing 244 to avoid an innings defeat, slumped to 69 for three at the close on the third day at the WACA ground.

Healy, who had made three of the overnight 235 for four, went on to increase his aggregate to 3,648 runs in 96 Tests, overtaking the previous record mark for an Australian wicket-keeper of 3,633 in 96 Tests by Rod Marsh.

The redoubtable Healy now has the second highest aggregate by a wicketkeeper in Test history behind England's Alan Knott, who compiled 4,389 runs in his 95 Tests.

Healy and Reiffel, who continued his run of useful contributions at number eight with a composed half-century, put on 116 for the seventh wicket.

Earlier, Steve Waugh, putting aside his role as union organizer, fell four runs short of a century after adding

17 to his overnight 79.

Waugh, secretary of the players' association in their ongoing pay dispute with the Australian Cricket Board, was bowled by an inswinging yorker from left-arm paceman Shayne O'Connor.

Australian vice-captain Waugh batted 213 minutes, faced 161 balls and hit 10 fours in his 96 — the seventh time he had been dismissed in the 90s in a Test match.

Only former West Indies batsman Alvin Kallicharran has been out more times in the 90s in Tests, suffering that fate eight times.

When New Zealand batted again, they endured a dismal start when opener Blair Pocock was removed for one off the last ball of the first over.

Pocock, restricted by a fractured toe sustained while fielding, hobbled to the crease and was out when he deflected a delivery from fast bowler Michael Kasprowicz to Greg Blewett at short leg.

New Zealand's cause was not helped when opener Bryan Young was run out for 23 after a breakdown in communications with No. 3 and wicketkeeper Adam Parore, who was 42 not out at the close.

Kewell hits vital away goal as Australia draw with Iran

TEHERAN (Reuters) — Striker Harry Kewell scored a vital away goal as Australia drew 1-1 with Iran in their World Cup Asia/Oceania zone play-off first leg yesterday.

The Leeds United forward silenced a crowd of more than 100,000 in the Azadi Stadium by putting Australia ahead in the 19th minute of a pulsating game.

Iranian striker Khodadad Azizi prodded home an equalizer from close range three minutes before half-time after a period of intense pressure by the home side.

The second leg will be played in Melbourne on Saturday to decide the 32nd and last place at the 1998 World Cup finals in France.

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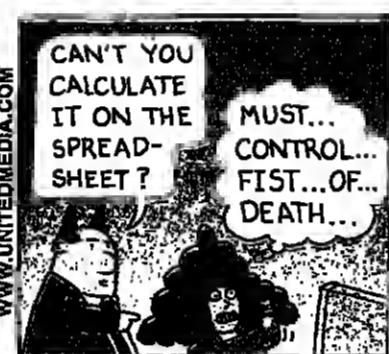
GARFIELD



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BY SCOTT ADAMS



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FEEFER

He's Back!

"OK, OK, LET THE (expletive, expletive) GET RID OF ME, THE BEST (expletive) PRESIDENT THEY EVER HAD."



"BUT IN THIRTY YEARS OR SO, WHEN CHINA THREATENS TO BLOW UP IN THEIR (expletive) FACES..."



"THEY'LL SURE AS (expletive) WANT ME BACK THEN, WON'T THEY, HENRY?"



"WHO UNDERSTANDS CHINA BETTER THAN ME? THEY'LL BEG ME TO COME BACK, HENRY."



"OF COURSE, MR. PRESIDENT."

"BUT THIRTY YEARS IS A LONG TIME TO WAIT. (expletive!) I COULD BE DEAD, HENRY."



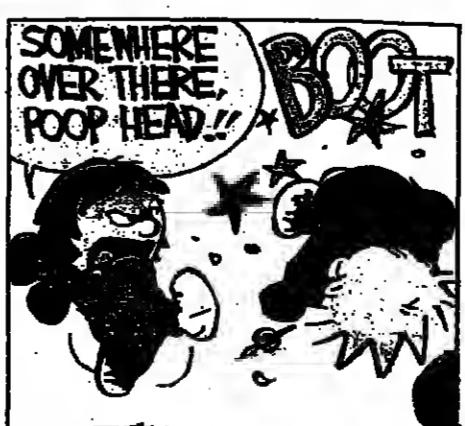
"MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE CONTACTS IN HIGHER PLACES."



Calvin and Hobbes

by Watterson

SCULPT INTO SPHERE, AND SERVE AT HIGH VELOCITY WITHOUT WARNING.



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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

French pianist Pascal Roge plays Darius Milhaud's *Le Carnaval d'Aix* and Francis Poulenc's piano concerto with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra under the baton of music director Stanley Sperber, who also leads the orchestra in Brahms's third symphony. Tonight, tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30).

Celloist Ralph Kirshbaum plays Schumann's cello concerto, while Philippe Entremont leads his Israel Chamber Orchestra in Mozart's 33rd symphony and Shostakovich's sinfonia for strings and woodwinds tonight and tomorrow (8:30) at the Tel Aviv Museum.

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra performs Beethoven's ninth symphony under the baton of Kurt Masur tonight (10) in another IPO Jeans concert at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv.



ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Judy Lane directs the Netanya AACI Music Theater in *Say It with Music*, the Irving Berlin story, featuring that beloved composer's tunes. Tonight only at the Dora Community Hall. Tickets and info: AACI 09-8330950 or Monty and Barbara 09-8623477.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

The Family Channel is proud of having more and more Hebrew-language programs, and indeed since the beginning of the year it has increased its roster to include nightly talk shows with Yossi Siyas, Yair Lapid and Guy Pines, as well as original drama series such as *Cafe Paris* and *Deep Blue*.

Starting tonight, the channel (3) is initiating

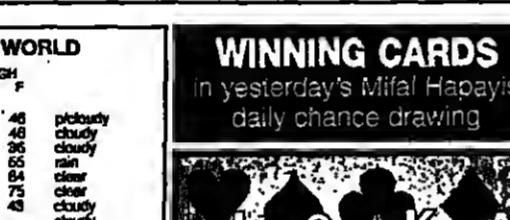
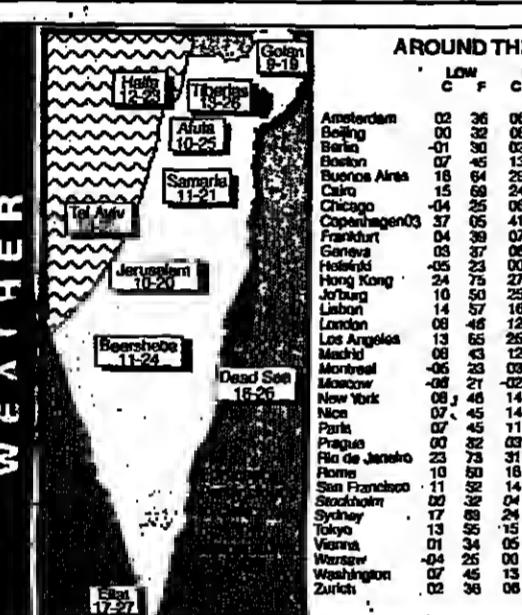
Yair Nitzani and Shirli Deshe star in the Family Channel parody 'His Excellency the Ambassador.'

another original drama. Tonight's show, *His Excellency the Ambassador*, at 8:30 p.m., is a timely parody written by satirist Ephraim Sidon set in an anonymous European country. The protagonist, portrayed by Yair Nitzani, is a politically appointed ambassador who does not do much to justify his existence until the monotony is broken one day by drug dealers and terrorists. With Uri Levy, Shirli Deshe and Tal Friedman.

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

The Israel Ballet's *Cinderella*, choreographed by Berta Yampolsky to Serge Prokofiev's music, is at the Yokneam auditorium tonight and at the Nahariya auditorium on Tuesday, both at 6 p.m.



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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Numerary has a lion under control? Correct! (12)
- Drag one's feet prior to dealing? (7)
- Endless row coming up over people in county? (7)
- Departed or not yet arrived? (4)
- From Cremona I returned exiled (2,8)
- Can it turn the tide for the overweight? (4)
- Silently, cattily, oddly? (7)
- Crosby upset about ageing but valuable writer (4,3)
- Nothing at breakfast, lunch or dinner but porridge? (7)
- Exclamation of those central to a girl? (7)
- One silver ring for an ancient mind-poisoner (4)

DOWN

- Cuts possibly made about one in charge are severe? (7)
- Crass f-football follower stands on his head? (4)
- Where the cross peer got a denial in France? (7)
- Checking to see if the fire is all right? (7)

5 Dummies found in ruined sofa (4)

6 With hidden energy, Ali on a restored harp? (7)

7 Monroe supporters say NATO's oil is its undoing (13)

8 Blade entering ship is fun for kids (13)

14 Unfairly 'e' hurt Arthur's Dad? (5)

15 Found up a street with dynamite (5)

19 Language used to label a record? (7)

20 Prepared for an awkward guy getting outside help (4,3)

21 John Peel crazy for seedy fruit? (4-3)

22 The heart of the matter? (7)

26 The sound of jive can reduce one to hobbling? (4)

27 Row back in a knot (4)

SOLUTIONS

G O B E N D
G L A P H A P P Y M U G U P
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E Y H E S L

Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1. Knight, 4. Horse, 8. Tales, 8. Assured, 10. Eyes, 11. Step, 12. Now, 14. Att., 15. Alert, 15. Cat, 21. Afar, 22. Enraged, 25. Current, 26. Fatal, 27. Beams, 28. Flared.

DOWN: 1. Kitten, 2. Illness, 3. History, 4. Test, 5. April, 6. Riders, 7. Taken, 13. Wasteful, 14. Shelter, 17. Cancer, 19. Tent, 20. Stolid, 22. Arora, 24. Farm.

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Fear greatly (5)
- Nothing (6)
- Eternal? (7)
- Wear away (5)
- Crochet (4)
- Not a pro? (7)
- Sable, mink? (3)
- Hip (4)
- Children's playthings (4)
- Mayday (1,1)
- Musical? (7)
- Stag (4)
- Leave up? (5)
- Dampen? (7)
- Acts for the King? (6)
- Units of time? (5)

DOWN

- Sewers (6)
- 2 Happening (5)
- Act (4)
- Hams (8)
- Food shop? (7)
- Belonging to them? (6)
- Film award (5)
- Scare (8)
- Running away to wed? (7)
- An artist with acid? (6)
- Die (6)
- Traits (6)
- More? (5)
- Neat (4)

WHAT'S ON

TV

■ CHANNEL 1

8:30 News flash
8:31 News in Arabic
8:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Globe Watch
8:30 Destech and Sciences
8:15 Alimathic
10:00 For the very young
11:00 Environment
11:30 Animals of the Mediterranean
12:00 Mathematics
12:30 Communication
13:00 Mathematics in Daily Life
13:15 Fruit of the Earth
13:30 Cartoons
15:00 Pretty Butterfly

■ CHANNEL 2

8:05 Super Ball
8:15 News in English
APARIC PROGRAMS
19:30 Amiel and Kamals Studio
19:00 News

■ HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 News Flash
19:31 Home
19:45 Moment in Life
20:45 Second Look
21:40 World Soccer
22:35 May and June (1995) – a two-part Ruth Rendell mystery about two sisters who try to patch up their differences after a long separation.
22:30 News
00:00 A Glance at Camel Moon

■ CHANNEL 3

■ ITV 3 (33)

18:00 News

18:15 Anger – series in Arabic

19:00 Weekly Column

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■ ITV 2 (23)

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16:00 Everything Open

16:30 World Youth News

17:00 Little Morocco

17:30 Massaret – quiz in Arabic

18:00 Crossroad Club – English language for adults

18:30 Dealing with Do's and Don'ts

19:00 Globe Watch

19:30 Vis à Vis

20:00 A New Evening

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■ JORDAN TV

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00:55 The Fury (1978) – an FBI agent recruits the help of a girl with psychopathic powers to save his family from a hitman. With Kirk Douglas

00:56 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV

14:00 Holy Koran

14:10 Little Rose

14:30 Johnny Quest;

■ CHANNEL 4

15:30 Echo Point

16:00 Everything Open

16:30 World Youth News

17:00 Little Morocco

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**Jordan
(49 points)
leads Bulls
to first
road win**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Jordan scored 49 points, including all nine of Chicago's points in the second overtime, to lead the Bulls to their first road victory of the season Friday night.

The Clippers, losing their eighth straight game, missed all six of their shots and failed to score in the second extra period.

Jordan scored the Bulls' final nine points in regulation and their last four in the first overtime, bringing Chicago from behind on both occasions.

Luc Longley had 22 points and 17 rebounds for Chicago, and Dennis Rodman added 10 points and 14 rebounds. Lamond Murray led Los Angeles, whose record fell to 1-11, with 24 points.

Green breaks record
A.C. Green wrote his name in the NBA record books on Thursday by playing his 907th straight game. Green was honored at a 23-minute celebration at halftime of the Dallas Mavericks' 101-97 overtime loss to the Golden State Warriors.

Hornets 119, Heat 102
In Charlotte, Charlotte gained its first comeback victory of the season Friday night as Glen Rice powered a fourth-quarter surge that lifted the Hornets to a 119-102 victory over the Miami Heat.

Rice, held to five points in the first half, finished with 26, including 13 in the last 6:15 as the Hornets improved to 7-3, the best start in franchise history.

All six of Charlotte's previous victories had come after the Hornets built leads after three quarters, but this time they rallied from a 91-87 deficit in the final seven minutes and outscored Miami 32-11 down the stretch.

Knicks 104, Wizards 82
In Landover, Maryland, Larry Johnson scored 23 points and New York used a big second quarter to hand Washington its fourth straight loss.

Patrick Ewing had 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Knicks, who have won six straight and 21 of 22 against Washington.

Cavaliers 103, Timberwolves 80
In Minneapolis, Wesley Person scored 22 points, Shawn Kemp had 19 and Cleveland dealt Minnesota its third straight home loss.

Fans at the Target Center booted the home team, whose two previous home losses were at least competitive — an overtime defeat against the Washington Wizards and a loss at the buzzer to the San Antonio Spurs.

The Wolves, who entered the game ranked third in the NBA in scoring, posted their lowest total of the season. Chris Carr scored 19 points and Kevin Garnett had 18, but Stephon Marbury was held to four points and three assists.

Celtics 101, Nets 93

In Boston, the Celtics avenged a loss to New Jersey that broke their four-game winning streak and beat the Nets behind 24 points and 12 rebounds from Antoine Walker.

Tyus Edney and Greg Minor came off the bench to score 12 points each and Ron Mercer, another substitute, added 11 for Boston, which didn't win its sixth game last season until Dec. 30 when it already had 21 losses en route to a 15-67 record.

SuperSonics 94, Spurs 74

In Seattle, Vin Baker scored 22 points and Gary Payton added 17 points and 14 assists as Seattle held San Antonio to a season-low point total.

Seattle raced to a 36-16 lead after one quarter, and the Spurs pulled no closer than 17 the rest of the way.

Grizzlies 99, Nuggets 96

In Vancouver, British Columbia, Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 28 points and Vancouver rallied to avoid becoming the first team to Denver this season.

The Nuggets, who have yet to win under rookie coach Bill Hanzlik, have lost a franchise record 10 straight to start the season. They remain the NBA's only winless team.

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Barnsley stun Liverpool, Man Utd march on

LONDON (Reuters) — The English premier league was turned upside down yesterday as bottom club Barnsley stunned Liverpool 1-0 at Anfield and Sheffield Wednesday welcomed back manager Ron Atkinson by beating high-flying Arsenal 2-0.

But champions Manchester United did not falter, beating Wimbledon 5-2, and Blackburn edged a high quality match against Chelsea 1-0 at Ewood Park.

United top the standings with 31 points, one ahead of Blackburn. Arsenal have 27 with Chelsea fourth on 25.

Everton are the league's new bottom side after losing 2-1 at Aston Villa.

Liverpool had won all five previous home league games this season, scoring 18 goals in the process, while Barnsley had shipped 11 in their last two away matches.

But the Yorkshire side silenced the Anfield crowd with a bizarre goal after 35 minutes. In a defensive mix-up Liverpool goalkeeper David James was left stranded and Patrick Berger could only help the ball straight into the path of Ashley Ward who nudged it into an empty net.

Liverpool seemed unable to get themselves fired up until the latter stages but the visitors held out for an unlikely victory.

Sheffield Wednesday handed

Arsenal their second defeat of the season to start Atkinson's second spell as manager on a high note.

The opening goal came courtesy of a terrible defensive blunder just before halftime by Frenchman Gilles Grimandi. He inexplicably passed the ball backwards to Andy Booth who slotted it under David Seaman.

Wednesday worked hard to keep the visitors at bay and settled the match with a late breakaway goal by Guy Whittingham.

"I've enjoyed the buzz of being back," said Atkinson after the match.

Premier League: Aston Villa 2, Everton 1; Blackburn 1; Chelsea 0; Derby 3; Coventry 1; Leicester 0; Bolton 0; Liverpool 0; Birmingham 1; Southampton 1; Sheffield Wednesday 2; Arsenal 0; Wimbledon 2, Manchester United 5.

Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Newcastle United	15	8	4	3	27	12	31
Barnsley	15	8	4	3	27	12	31
Arsenal	15	7	6	7	30	11	22
Derby	14	8	1	5	29	17	23
Leicester	14	7	2	5	28	22	23
Look	14	7	2	5	29	24	23
Liverpool	14	6	4	4	23	14	23
Newcastle	12	6	2	5	16	14	21
Wimbledon	15	5	4	6	18	22	21
Aston Villa	15	5	5	7	15	21	18
Coventry	15	5	4	6	15	16	17
Charlton	15	5	1	9	19	7	17
Sheffield United	15	5	1	9	18	14	15
Blackburn	15	5	1	9	18	14	15
Wigan	14	2	2	10	18	12	12
Brentford	14	2	2	10	18	12	12
Everton	14	2	2	8	16	23	12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Nottingham Forest	14	11	4	2	31	16	37
Middlesbrough	17	10	4	2	32	16	34
Swindon	19	10	4	5	26	24	34
Wimbledon	17	10	4	5	25	14	32
Charlton	18	8	5	5	25	14	29
Sheffield United	19	8	5	6	26	15	29
Southampton	19	8	5	6	26	15	29
Leeds	17	7	6	5	23	23	27
Port Vale	19	7	5	7	23	23	27
Queens Park Rangers	19	7	5	7	23	23	27
Walsall	16	7	5	6	21	16	26
Stoke	19	7	5	6	21	11	26
Bradford	19	6	8	5	17	14	24
Birmingham	18	5	7	6	18	15	22
Harwich	18	4	8	6	16	22	21
Wolverhampton	18	4	8	6	16	22	21
Exeter City	18	4	8	6	16	22	21
Wrexham	19	4	8	6	16	22	21
Doncaster	19	4	8	6	16	22	21
Preston	19	7	4	8	25	23	25
Cardiff	19	7	5	6	22	17	24
Wigan	18	5	6	6	21	18	24
Walsall	18	5	6	6	21	18	24
Wolverhampton	19	5	6	6	21	18	24
Southend	19	5	6	6	21	18	24
Derby	19	2	8	8	20	22	17
Forest Green	19	4	5	10	19	32	17
Leeds	19	4	5	9	14	28	17
Huddersfield	19	5	5	11	14	32	14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Watford	19	14	2	2	23	12	45
Bristol City	19	12	3	4	22	16	37
Walsall	19	9	5	4	26	22	32
Northampton	19	8	5	6	25	22	31
Yeovil	19	7	5	7	21	19	29
Cardiff	19	7	5	6	21	19	29
Sheffield United	19	7	5	6	21	19	29
Notts County	19	7	5	6	21	19	29
Southend	19	7	5	6	21	19	29
Warrington	19	7	5	6	21	19	29
Harrogate	19	7	5	6	21	19	29
Barnet	19	7	5	6	21	19	29
Nottingham Forest	19	7	5	6	21	19	29
Blackburn	19	8	4	7	28	30	38
Barnet	19	7	5	7	22	20	34
Southend	19	7	5	7	22	20	34
Walsall	19	7	5	7	22	20	34
Wolverhampton	19	7	5	7	22	20	34
Southampton	19	7	5	7	22	20	34
Derby	19	7	5	7	22	20	34
Cardiff	19	7	5	7	22	20	34
Sheffield United	19	7	5	7	22	20	34
Notts County	19	7	5	7			